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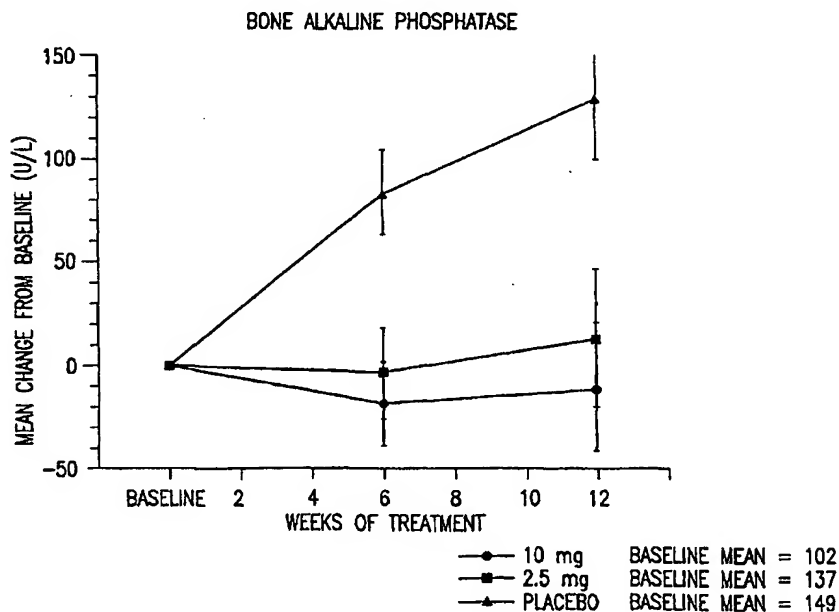
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(57) Abstract: The instant invention is directed to methods for the inhibition of bone metastases, methods for the prevention of growth of new metastases, methods for the inhibition of bone turnover, and methods for the prevention of bone loss in patients, including cancer patients, using an endothelin ET-A receptor antagonist.



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Field of the Invention

The instant invention is directed to methods for the inhibition of bone metastases, methods for the prevention of growth of new metastases, methods for the inhibition of bone turnover, and methods for the prevention of bone loss in  
10 patients, including cancer patients, using an endothelin ET-A receptor antagonist.

Background of the Invention

15 Endothelin (ET), a 21 amino acid peptide, is produced by enzymatic cleavage of a precursor peptide by an endothelin converting enzyme. First discovered in vascular endothelial cells, ET and ET/ET receptor binding are now known to modulate smooth muscle tone, blood flow, cell proliferation and  
20 differentiation, protein synthesis, and metabolic function in a variety of tissues and cell types such as ovary, prostate, skin, and brain.

ET/ET receptor binding has been shown to constrict arteries and veins; increase mean arterial blood pressure; decrease incardiac output; increase cardiac contractility in vitro; stimulate mitogenesis in vascular smooth muscle cells  
5 in vitro; contract non-vascular smooth muscle such as guinea pig trachea, human urinary bladder strips and rat uterus in vitro; increase airway resistance in vivo; induce formation of gastric ulcers; stimulate release of atrial natriuretic factor in vitro and in vivo; increase plasma levels of vasopressin,  
10 aldosterone, and catecholamines; inhibit release of renin in vitro; and stimulate release of gonadotropins in vitro.

ET/ET receptor binding also causes vasoconstriction on vascular smooth muscle (Nature 332 411 (1988), FEBS Letters 231 440 (1988) and Biochem. Biophys. Res. Commun. 154 868  
15 (1988)). In fact, an anti-ET antibody has been shown to ameliorate adverse effects of renal ischemia on renal vascular resistance and glomerular filtration rate (J. Clin. Invest. 83 1762 (1989)). In addition, an anti-ET antibody attenuated both the nephrotoxic effects of intravenously administered  
20 cyclosporin (Kidney Int. 37 1487 (1990)) and the infarct size in a coronary artery ligation-induced myocardial infarction model (Nature 344 114 (1990)).

A nonpeptide ET antagonist prevents post-ischaemic renal vasoconstriction in rats, prevents the decrease in cerebral blood flow due to subarachnoid hemorrhage in rats, and decreases MAP in sodium-depleted squirrel monkeys when dosed orally (Nature 365: 759-761 (1993)). A similar effect of an ET antagonist on arterial calibers has also been recently reported (Biochem. Biophys. Res. Comm., 195: 969-75 (1993)).

An ET receptor antagonist reduced injury in a rat model of colitis (EUR. J. Pharmacol. 1996, 309, 261-269) and prevented ischemia-reperfusion injury in kidney transplantation (Transplant Int 1996, 9, 201-207). The use of ET antagonists in the treatment of angina, pulmonary hypertension, Raynaud's disease, and migraine has also been suggested (Drugs 1996, 51, 12-27). In malignant growth disorders, ET and its growth-promoting effects have been best characterized in prostate cancer, (Nature Medicine 1995, 1, 944-949) wherein ET acts as a modulator in osteoblastic bone lesion (UROLOGY 53:1063-1069, 1999).

Given the results from these and other reports which illuminate the role of ET/ET receptor binding in disease states, and the knowledge that blocking ET/ET receptor binding results in improvement or reversal of endothelin-induced

disease states, agents which antagonize ET/ET receptor binding activity, designated as ET receptor antagonists, can provide substantial benefit in many therapeutic areas.

5                                    Summary of the Invention

          In one embodiment of the instant invention, therefore, is disclosed a method for inhibiting bone metastases in a patient which comprises administering to the patient in need thereof a therapeutically effective amount of an endothelin ET-A  
10 receptor antagonist.

          In another embodiment of the invention is disclosed a method for preventing new bone metastases in a patient which comprises administering to the patient in need thereof a therapeutically effective amount of an endothelin ET-A  
15 receptor antagonist.

          In another embodiment of the instant invention, therefore, is disclosed a method for inhibiting metastatic growth in a patient which comprises administering to the patient in need thereof a therapeutically effective amount of  
20 an endothelin ET-A receptor antagonist.

          In another embodiment of the invention is disclosed a method for inhibiting bone loss in a patient which comprises

administering to the patient in need thereof a therapeutically effective amount of an endothelin ET-A receptor antagonist.

In another embodiment of the instant invention, is disclosed a method for inhibiting bone turnover in a patient  
5 which comprises administering to the patient in need thereof a therapeutically effective amount of an endothelin ET-A receptor antagonist.

In another embodiment of the invention is disclosed a method for the reduction of cancer related pain in a patient  
10 in need thereof which comprises administering to the patient a therapeutically effective amount of an endothelin ET-A receptor antagonist.

In another embodiment of the instant invention is disclosed therapeutically acceptable formulations of an  
15 endothelin ET-A receptor antagonist, optionally in the presence of a co-therapeutic agent, for use in these methods.

#### Brief Description of the Drawings

Figure 1 illustrates levels of interleukin-6 (IL-6) in a  
20 subject population treated with a placebo or 2.5 mg or 10 mg ABT-627.

Figure 2 illustrates levels of prostate specific antigen (PSA) in a subject population treated with a placebo or 2.5 mg or 10 mg of ABT-627.

5        Figure 3 illustrates VAS score levels relating to pain assessment in a subject population treated with a placebo or 2.5 mg or 10 mg of ABT-627.

10       Figure 4 illustrates crosslinked N-telopeptides (degradation) in a subject population treated with a placebo or 10 mg ABT-627.

15       Figure 5 illustrates bone alkaline phosphatase (BAP) (formation) in a subject population treated with a placebo or 10 mg ABT-627.

Figure 6 illustrates skeletal involvement in a subject population treated with a placebo or 10 mg ABT-627.

20       Figure 7 illustrates acid phosphatase levels in a subject population treated with a placebo or 10 mg ABT-627.

### Detailed Description of the Invention

Endothelin receptor antagonists are employed in the practice of the instant invention. Endothelins are a family of peptides mainly synthesized and released by endothelial  
5 cells. The term "endothelin" refers to a family of homologous 21-amino acid peptides found in 3 distinct isoforms: ET-1, ET-2, and ET-3.

The term "endothelin ET-A receptor antagonist" includes both compounds which antagonize the ET-A receptor in a  
10 selective manner, as well as compounds which antagonize the ET-A receptor in a non-selective manner. An example of the latter type of compound would be a compound that antagonizes the ET-A receptor and also antagonizes the ET-B receptor.

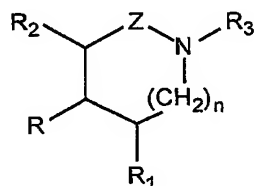
The term "primary cancer" means cancer in a specific  
15 tissue, which is first in time or in order of development. Primary cancers include, but are not limited to, breast, prostate, lung, kidney, thyroid, brain, heart, intestine, ovary, myeloma, lymphoma, sarcoma, and osteosarcoma.

The term "cancer-related pain" includes pain which arises  
20 from direct invasion or expansion of a tumor into tissue, such as bone or nerve; pain which arises from the consequences of tumor invasion or expansion, such as bone collapse due to



cancer erosion or secretion of noxious agents which modulate or produce pain; and pain mediated by ischemia, i.e. reduced blood flow.

Specifically, a compound of formula I may be employed in  
 5 the practice of the instant invention



wherein

10 R is  $-(CH_2)_m-W$ ;

Z is selected from  $-C(R_{18})(R_{19})-$  and  $-C(O)-$ ;

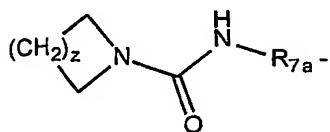
R<sub>1</sub> and R<sub>2</sub> are independently selected from hydrogen,  
 loweralkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, alkoxyalkyl,  
 alkoxycarbonylalkyl, hydroxyalkyl, haloalkyl, haloalkoxyalkyl,  
 15 alkoxyalkoxyalkyl, thioalkoxyalkoxyalkyl, cycloalkyl,  
 cycloalkylalkyl, aminocarbonylalkyl, alkylaminocarbonylalkyl,  
 dialkylaminocarbonylalkyl, aminocarbonylalkenyl,  
 alkylaminocarbonylalkenyl, dialkylaminocarbonylalkenyl,  
 hydroxyalkenyl, aryl, arylalkyl, aryloxyalkyl,

arylalkoxyalkyl, (N-alkanoyl-N-alkyl)aminoalkyl,  
alkylsulfonylamidoalkyl, heterocyclic, (heterocyclic)alkyl,  
and  $(R_{aa})(R_{bb})N-R_{cc}-$ ,

with the proviso that one or both of  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  is other  
5 than hydrogen;

$R_3$  is selected from  $R_4-C(O)-R_5-$ ,  $R_4-R_{5a}-$ ,  $R_4-C(O)-R_5-$   
 $N(R_6)-$ ,  $R_6-S(O)_2-R_7-$ ,  $R_{26}-S(O)-R_{27}-$ ,  $R_{22}-O-C(O)-R_{23}-$ ,  
loweralkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl,  
aryl, arylalkyl, aryloxyalkyl, heterocyclic,  
10 (heterocyclic)alkyl, alkoxyalkyl, alkoxyalkoxyalkyl, and  $R_{13}-$   
 $C(O)-CH(R_{14})-$ ;

$R_4$  and  $R_6$  are independently selected from  $(R_{11})(R_{12})N-$ ,  
loweralkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl,  
aryl, arylalkyl, heterocyclic, (heterocyclic)alkyl,  
15 alkoxyalkyl, hydroxyalkyl, haloalkyl, haloalkenyl,  
haloalkoxyalkyl, haloalkoxy, alkoxyhaloalkyl, alkylaminoalkyl,  
dialkylaminoalkyl, alkoxy, and



$R_5$  is selected from a covalent bond, alkylene,

alkenylene,  $-N(R_{20})-R_8-$ ,  $-R_{8a}-N(R_{20})-R_8-$ ,  $-O-R_9-$ , and  
 $-R_{9a}-O-R_9-$ ;

$R_6$  is selected from loweralkyl, haloalkyl, alkoxyalkyl,  
haloalkoxyalkyl, aryl or arylalkyl;

5  $R_7$  is a covalent bond, alkylene, alkenylene  $-N(R_{21})-R_{10}-$ ,  
and  $-R_{10a}-N(R_{21})-R_{10}-$ ;

$R_8$  is selected from alkylene and alkenylene;

$R_9$  is alkylene;

$R_{10}$  is selected from alkylene and alkenylene;

10  $R_{11}$  and  $R_{12}$  are independently selected from hydrogen,  
loweralkyl, haloalkyl, alkoxyalkyl, haloalkoxyalkylalkenyl,  
alkynyl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, aryl, heterocyclic,  
arylalkyl, (heterocyclic)alkyl, hydroxyalkyl, alkoxy,  
aminoalkyl, trialkylaminoalkyl, alkylaminoalkyl,  
15 dialkylaminoalkyl, and carboxyalkyl;

$R_{13}$  is selected from amino, alkylamino and dialkylamino;

$R_{14}$  is selected from aryl and  $R_{15}-C(O)-$ ;

$R_{15}$  is selected from amino, alkylamino and dialkylamino;

$R_{16}$  is selected from loweralkyl, haloalkyl, aryl and  
20 dialkylamino;

$R_{17}$  is loweralkyl;

R<sub>18</sub> and R<sub>19</sub> are independently selected from hydrogen and loweralkyl;

R<sub>20</sub> is selected from hydrogen, loweralkyl, alkenyl, haloalkyl, alkoxyalkyl, haloalkoxyalkyl, cylcoalkyl and  
5 cycloalkylalkyl;

R<sub>21</sub> is selected from hydrogen, loweralkyl, alkenyl, haloalkyl, alkoxyalkyl, haloalkoxyalkyl, aryl and arylalkyl;

R<sub>22</sub> is selected from a carboxy protecting group and heterocyclic;

10 R<sub>23</sub> is selected from covalent bond, alkylene, alkenylene and -N(R<sub>24</sub>)-R<sub>25</sub>-;

R<sub>24</sub> is selected from hydrogen and loweralkyl;

R<sub>25</sub> is alkylene;

R<sub>26</sub> is selected from loweralkyl, haloalkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, aryl, arylalkyl, heterocyclic, (heterocyclic)alkyl, alkoxyalkyl and alkoxy-substituted haloalkyl;

R<sub>27</sub> is selected from alkylene and alkenylene;

R<sub>5a</sub> is selected from alkylene and alkenylene;

20 R<sub>7a</sub> is alkylene;

R<sub>8a</sub> is selected from alkylene and alkenylene;

R<sub>9a</sub> is alkylene;

R<sub>10a</sub> is selected from alkylene and alkenylene;

R<sub>aa</sub> is selected from aryl and arylalkyl;

R<sub>bb</sub> is selected from hydrogen and alkanoyl;

5 R<sub>cc</sub> is alkylene;

m is 0-6;

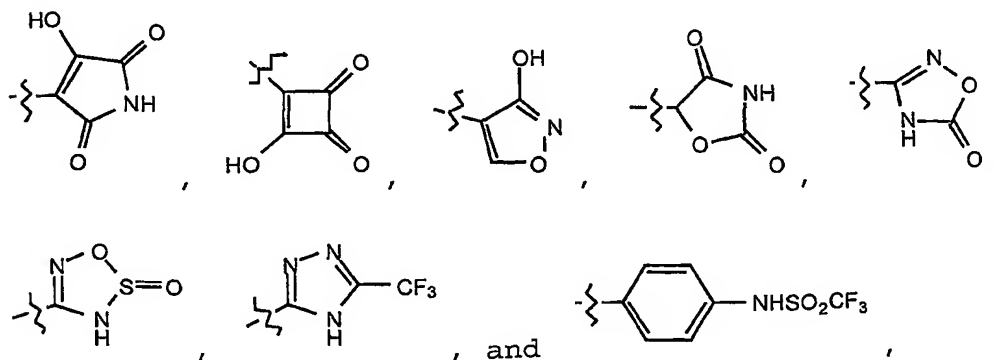
n is 0 or 1;

z is 0-5;

E is selected from hydrogen, loweralkyl and arylalkyl;

10 G is selected from hydrogen and a carboxy protecting group; and

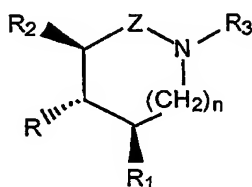
W is selected from -C(O)<sub>2</sub>-G; -PO<sub>3</sub>H<sub>2</sub>, -P(O)(OH)(E),  
 -CN, -C(O)NHR<sub>17</sub>, alkylaminocarbonyl, dialkylaminocarbonyl,  
 tetrazolyl, hydroxy, alkoxy, sulfonamido, -C(O)NHS(O)<sub>2</sub>R<sub>16</sub>, -  
 15 S(O)<sub>2</sub>NHC(O)R<sub>16</sub>,



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or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

A preferred embodiment of the a compound of formula I is a compound of formula II



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wherein the substituents -R<sub>2</sub>, -R and -R<sub>1</sub> exist in a trans,trans relationship and Z, n, R, R<sub>1</sub>, R<sub>2</sub>, and R<sub>3</sub> are as defined above.

Compounds of formulas I and II are endothelin antagonists, specifically ET<sub>A</sub>-selective endothelin antagonists.

Another preferred embodiment of the invention is a compound of formula I or II wherein n is 0 and Z is -CH<sub>2</sub>-.

Another preferred embodiment of the invention is a compound of formula I or II wherein n is 1 and Z is -CH<sub>2</sub>-.

Another preferred embodiment of the invention is a compound of formula I or II wherein n is 0, Z is -CH<sub>2</sub>-, and R<sub>3</sub>

is  $R_4-C(O)-R_5-$  ,  $R_6-S(O)_2-R_7-$  or  $R_{26}-S(O)-R_{27}-$  wherein  $R_4$ ,  $R_5$ ,  $R_6$ ,  $R_7$ ,  $R_{26}$  and  $R_{27}$  are as defined above.

Another preferred embodiment of the invention is a compound of formula I or II wherein  $n$  is 0,  $Z$  is  $-CH_2-$ , and  $R_3$  is alkoxyalkyl or alkoxyalkoxyalkyl.

A more preferred embodiment of the invention is a compound of formula I or II wherein  $n$  is 0,  $Z$  is  $-CH_2-$ , and  $R_3$  is  $R_4-C(O)-R_5-$  wherein  $R_4$  is  $(R_{11})(R_{12})N-$  as defined above and  $R_5$  is alkylene or  $R_3$  is  $R_6-S(O)_2-R_7-$  or  $R_{26}-S(O)-R_{27}-$  wherein  $R_7$  is alkylene,  $R_{27}$  is alkylene and  $R_6$  and  $R_{26}$  are defined as above.

Another more preferred embodiment of the invention is a compound of formula I or II wherein  $n$  is 0,  $Z$  is  $-CH_2-$  and  $R_3$  is  $R_4-C(O)-N(R_{20})-R_8-$  or  $R_6-S(O)_2-N(R_{21})-R_{10}-$  wherein  $R_8$  and  $R_{10}$  are alkylene and  $R_4$ ,  $R_6$ ,  $R_{20}$  and  $R_{21}$  are defined as above.

An even more preferred embodiment of the invention is a compound of formula I or II wherein  $n$  is 0,  $R$  is tetrazolyl or  $-C(O)_2-G$  wherein  $G$  is hydrogen or a carboxy protecting group or  $R$  is tetrazolyl or  $R$  is  $-C(O)-NHS(O)_2R_{16}$  wherein  $R_{16}$  is loweralkyl, haloalkyl or aryl,

Z is -CH<sub>2</sub>-; R<sub>1</sub> and R<sub>2</sub> are independently selected from (i) loweralkyl, (ii) cycloalkyl, (iii) substituted aryl wherein aryl is phenyl substituted with one, two or three substituents independently selected from loweralkyl, alkoxy, halo, alkoxyalkoxy and carboxyalkoxy, (iv) substituted or unsubstituted heterocyclic, (v) alkenyl, (vi) heterocyclic (alkyl), (vii) arylalkyl, (viii) aryloxyalkyl, (ix) (N-alkanoyl-N-alkyl)aminoalkyl and (x) alkylsulfonylamidoalkyl, and R<sub>3</sub> is R<sub>4</sub>-C(O)-R<sub>5</sub>- wherein R<sub>4</sub> is (R<sub>11</sub>)(R<sub>12</sub>)N- wherein R<sub>11</sub> and R<sub>12</sub> are independently selected from loweralkyl, haloalkyl, alkoxyalkyl, haloalkoxyalkyl, aryl, arylalkyl, heterocyclic, hydroxyalkyl, alkoxy, aminoalkyl, and trialkylaminoalkyl, and R<sub>5</sub> is alkylene; or R<sub>3</sub> is R<sub>4</sub>-C(O)-N(R<sub>20</sub>)-R<sub>8</sub>- or R<sub>6</sub>-S(O)<sub>2</sub>-N(R<sub>21</sub>)-R<sub>10</sub>- wherein R<sub>4</sub> is loweralkyl, aryl, alkoxy, alkylamino, aryloxy or arylalkoxy and R<sub>6</sub> is loweralkyl, haloalkyl, alkoxyalkyl, haloalkoxyalkyl, aryl or arylalkyl, R<sub>8</sub> and R<sub>10</sub> are alkylene and R<sub>20</sub> and R<sub>21</sub> are loweralkyl; or R<sub>3</sub> is R<sub>6</sub>-S(O)<sub>2</sub>-R<sub>7</sub>- or R<sub>26</sub>-S(O)-R<sub>27</sub>- wherein R<sub>6</sub> is loweralkyl or haloalkyl, R<sub>7</sub> is alkylene, R<sub>26</sub> is loweralkyl and R<sub>27</sub> is alkylene.

A yet more preferred embodiment of the invention is a



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compound of formula I or II wherein n is 0, R is  $-C(O)_2-G$  wherein G is hydrogen or a carboxy protecting group, tetrazolyl or  $-C(O)-NHS(O)_2R_{16}$  wherein  $R_{16}$  is loweralkyl, haloalkyl or aryl, Z is  $-CH_2-$ ,  $R_1$  is (i) loweralkyl, (ii) 5 alkenyl, (iii) alkoxyalkyl, (iv) cycloalkyl, (v) phenyl, (vi) pyridyl, (vii) furanyl, (viii) substituted or unsubstituted 4-methoxyphenyl, 4-fluorophenyl, 3-fluorophenyl, 4-ethoxyphenyl, 4-ethylphenyl, 4-methylphenyl, 4-trifluoromethylphenyl, 4-pentafluoroethylphenyl, 3-fluoro-4-methoxyphenyl, 3-fluoro-4-ethoxyphenyl, 2-fluorophenyl, 4-methoxymethoxyphenyl, 4-10 hydroxyphenyl, 4-t-butylphenyl, 1,3-benzodioxolyl, 1,4-benzodioxanyl or dihydrobenzofuranyl wherein the substituent is selected from alkoxy, alkoxyalkoxy and carboxyalkoxy, (ix) heterocyclic (alkyl), (x) arylalkyl, (xi) aryloxyalkyl, (xii) 15 (N-alkanoyl-N-alkyl)aminoalkyl, or (xiii) alkylsulfonylamidoalkyl,  $R_2$  is substituted or unsubstituted 1,3-benzodioxolyl, 7-methoxy-1,3-benzodioxolyl, 1,4-benzodioxanyl, 8-methoxy-1,4-benzodioxanyl, dihydrobenzofuranyl, benzofurnayl, 4-methoxyphenyl, 20 dimethoxyphenyl, fluorophenyl or difluorophenyl and  $R_3$  is  $R_4-C(O)-N(R_{20})-R_8-$  or

$R_6-S(O)_2-N(R_{21})-R_{10}-$  wherein  $R_8$  and  $R_{10}$  are alkylene,  $R_{20}$  and  $R_{21}$  are loweralkyl,  $R_4$  is loweralkyl, aryl, alkoxy, alkylamino, aryloxy or arylalkoxy and  $R_6$  is loweralkyl, haloalkyl, alkoxyalkyl, aryl or arylalkyl.

5 Another yet more preferred embodiment of the invention is a compound of formula I or II wherein  $n$  is 0,  $R$  is  $-C(O)_2-G$  wherein  $G$  is hydrogen or a carboxy protecting group, tetrazolyl or  $-C(O)-NHS(O)_2R_{16}$  wherein  $R_{16}$  is loweralkyl, haloalkyl or aryl,  $Z$  is  $-CH_2-$ ,  $R_1$  is (i) loweralkyl, (ii) 10 alkenyl, (iii) alkoxyalkyl, (iv) cycloalkyl, (v) phenyl, (vi) pyridyl, (vii) furanyl, (viii) substituted or unsubstituted 4-methoxyphenyl, 4-fluorophenyl, 3-fluorophenyl, 4-ethoxyphenyl, 4-ethylphenyl, 4-methylphenyl, 4-trifluoromethylphenyl, 4-pentafluoroethylphenyl, 3-fluoro-4-methoxyphenyl, 3-fluoro-4-ethoxyphenyl, 2-fluorophenyl, 4-methoxymethoxyphenyl, 4-15 hydroxyphenyl, 4-*t*-butylphenyl, 1,3-benzodioxolyl, 1,4-benzodioxanyl or dihydrobenzofuranyl wherein the substituent is selected from alkoxy, alkoxyalkoxy and carboxyalkoxy, (ix) heterocyclic (alkyl), (x) arylalkyl, (xi) aryloxyalkyl, (xii) 20 (N-alkanoyl-N-alkyl)aminoalkyl, or (xiii) alkylsulfonylamidoalkyl,  $R_2$  is substituted or unsubstituted

1,3-benzodioxolyl, 7-methoxy-1,3-benzodioxolyl, 1,4-benzodioxanyl, 8-methoxy-1,4-benzodioxanyl, dihydrobenzofuranyl, benzofurnayl, 4-methoxyphenyl, dimethoxyphenyl, fluorophenyl or difluorophenyl and  $R_3$  is  $R_4$ -  
5 C(O)- $R_5$ - wherein  $R_5$  is alkylene and  $R_4$  is  $(R_{11})(R_{12})N$ - wherein  $R_{11}$  and  $R_{12}$  are independently selected from loweralkyl, haloalkyl, alkoxyalkyl, haloalkoxyalkyl, aryl, arylalkyl, heterocyclic, hydroxyalkyl, alkoxy, aminoalkyl, and trialkylaminoalkyl.

10 Another yet more preferred embodiment of the invention is a compound of formula I or II wherein  $n$  is 0,  $R$  is  $-C(O)_2-G$  wherein  $G$  is hydrogen or a carboxy protecting group, tetrazolyl or  $-C(O)-NHS(O)_2R_{16}$  wherein  $R_{16}$  is loweralkyl, haloalkyl or aryl,  $Z$  is  $-CH_2-$ ,  $R_1$  is (i) loweralkyl, (ii)  
15 alkenyl, (iii) heterocyclic(alkyl), (iv) aryloxyalkyl, (v) arylalkyl, (vi) aryl, (vii) (N-alkanoyl-N-alkyl)aminoalkyl, or (viii) alkylsulfonylamidoalkyl,  $R_2$  is substituted or unsubstituted 1,3-benzodioxolyl, 7-methoxy-1,3-benzodioxolyl, 1,4-benzodioxanyl, 8-methoxy-1,4-benzodioxanyl,  
20 dihydrobenzofuranyl, benzofurnayl, 4-methoxyphenyl, dimethoxyphenyl, fluorophenyl or difluorophenyl wherein the

substituent is selected from loweralkyl, alkoxy and halogen  
and R<sub>3</sub> is R<sub>4</sub>-C(O)-R<sub>5</sub>- wherein R<sub>5</sub> is alkylene and R<sub>4</sub> is  
(R<sub>11</sub>)(R<sub>12</sub>)N- wherein R<sub>11</sub> is loweralkyl and R<sub>12</sub> is aryl,  
arylalkyl, hydroxyalkyl, alkoxy, aminoalkyl,  
5 trialkylaminoalkyl, or heterocyclic.

Another yet more preferred embodiment of the invention is  
a compound of formula I or II wherein n is 0, R is -C(O)<sub>2</sub>-G  
wherein G is hydrogen or a carboxy protecting group,  
tetrazolyl or -C(O)-NHS(O)<sub>2</sub>R<sub>16</sub> wherein R<sub>16</sub> is loweralkyl,  
10 haloalkyl or aryl, Z is -CH<sub>2</sub>-, R<sub>1</sub> is (i) loweralkyl, (ii)  
alkenyl, (iii) heterocyclic (alkyl), (iv) aryloxyalkyl, (v)  
arylalkyl, (vi) (N-alkanoyl-N-alkyl)aminoalkyl, or (vii)  
alkylsulfonylamidoalkyl, (viii) phenyl, or (ix) substituted or  
unsubstituted 4-methoxyphenyl, 3-fluoro-4-methoxyphenyl, 3-  
15 fluorophenyl, 3-fluoro-4-ethoxyphenyl, 2-fluorophenyl, 4-  
methoxymethoxyphenyl, 1,3-benzodioxolyl, 1,4-benzodioxanyl or  
dihydrobenzofuranyl wherein the substituent is selected from  
loweralkyl, haloalkyl, alkoxy, alkoxyalkoxy and carboxyalkoxy,  
R<sub>2</sub> is substituted or unsubstituted 1,3-benzodioxolyl, 7-  
20 methoxy-1,3-benzodioxolyl, 1,4-benzodioxanyl, 8-methoxy-1,4-  
benzodioxanyl, dihydrobenzofuranyl, 4-methoxyphenyl,

dimethoxyphenyl, fluorophenyl or difluorophenyl wherein the substituent is selected from loweralkyl, alkoxy and halogen and  $R_3$  is  $R_6-S(O)_2-N(R_{21})-R_{10}$ - wherein  $R_{10}$  is alkylene,  $R_6$  is loweralkyl, haloalkyl, alkoxyalkyl, haloalkoxyalkyl, aryl or arylalkyl and  $R_{21}$  is loweralkyl, haloalkyl, alkoxyalkyl, haloalkoxyalkyl, aryl or arylalkyl.

Another yet more preferred embodiment of the invention is a compound of formula I or II wherein  $n$  is 0,  $R$  is  $-C(O)_2-G$  wherein  $G$  is hydrogen or a carboxy protecting group, tetrazolyl or  $-C(O)-NHS(O)_2R_{16}$  wherein  $R_{16}$  is loweralkyl, haloalkyl or aryl,  $Z$  is  $-CH_2-$ ,  $R_1$  is (i) substituted or unsubstituted 4-methoxyphenyl, 3-fluoro-4-methoxyphenyl, 3-fluorophenyl, 3-fluoro-4-ethoxyphenyl, 4-methoxymethoxyphenyl, 1,3-benzodioxolyl or 1,4-benzodioxanyl wherein the substituent is selected from loweralkyl, haloalkyl, alkoxy and alkoxyalkoxy, (ii) loweralkyl, (iii) alkenyl, (iv) heterocyclic (alkyl), (v) aryloxyalkyl, (vi) arylalkyl, (vii) (N-alkanoyl-N-alkyl)aminoalkyl, (viii) alkylsulfonylamidoalkyl, or (ix) phenyl,  $R_2$  is substituted or unsubstituted 1,3-benzodioxolyl, 7-methoxy-1,3-benzodioxolyl, 1,4-benzodioxanyl, 8-methoxy-1,4-benzodioxanyl,

dihydrobenzofuranyl, 4-methoxyphenyl, dimethoxyphenyl, fluorophenyl or difluorophenyl wherein the substituent is selected from loweralkyl, alkoxy and halogen and  $R_3$  is alkoxy carbonyl or  $R_6-S(O)_2-N(R_{21})-R_{10}$  wherein  $R_{10}$  is alkylene,  $R_6$  is loweralkyl, haloalkyl, alkoxyalkyl or haloalkoxyalkyl and  $R_{21}$  is loweralkyl, haloalkyl, alkoxyalkyl or haloalkoxyalkyl.

Another yet more preferred embodiment of the invention is a compound of formula I or II wherein  $n$  is 0,  $R$  is  $-C(O)_2-G$  wherein  $G$  is hydrogen or a carboxy protecting group, tetrazolyl or  $-C(O)-NHS(O)_2R_{16}$  wherein  $R_{16}$  is loweralkyl or haloalkyl,  $Z$  is  $-CH_2-$ ,  $R_1$  is loweralkyl, alkenyl, heterocyclic (alkyl), aryloxyalkyl, aryalkyl, aryl, (N-alkanoyl-N-alkyl)aminoalkyl,, or alkylsulfonylamidoalkyl, and  $R_3$  is  $R_4-C(O)-R_5$  wherein  $R_5$  is alkylene and  $R_4$  is  $(R_{11})(R_{12})N-$  wherein  $R_{11}$  and  $R_{12}$  are independently selected from alkyl, aryl, hydroxyalkyl, alkoxy, aminoalkyl, trialkylaminoalkyl, and heterocyclic.

A still more preferred embodiment of the invention is a compound of formula I or II wherein  $n$  is 0,  $R$  is  $-C(O)_2-G$  wherein  $G$  is hydrogen or a carboxy protecting group,

tetrazolyl or  $-C(O)-NHS(O)_2R_{16}$  wherein  $R_{16}$  is loweralkyl or haloalkyl, Z is  $-CH_2-$ ,  $R_1$  is substituted or unsubstituted 4-methoxyphenyl, 4-fluorophenyl, 2-fluorophenyl, 4-methylphenyl, 4-trifluoromethylphenyl, 4-pentafluoroethylphenyl, 4-methoxymethoxyphenyl, 4-hydroxyphenyl, 4-ethylphenyl, 1,3-benzodioxolyl, 1,4-benzodioxanyl or dihydrobenzofuranyl wherein the substituent is selected from alkoxy, alkoxyalkoxy and carboxyalkoxy, (ii) loweralkyl, (iii) alkenyl, (iv) heterocyclic (alkyl), (v) aryloxyalkyl, (vi) arylalkyl, (vii) (N-alkanoyl-N-alkyl)aminoalkyl, (viii) alkylsulfonylamidoalkyl, or (ix) phenyl,  $R_2$  is 1,3-benzodioxolyl, 1,4-benzodioxanyl, dihydrobenzofuranyl, benzofuranyl, 4-methoxyphenyl, dimethoxyphenyl, fluorophenyl or difluorophenyl and  $R_3$  is  $R_4-C(O)-R_5-$  wherein  $R_5$  is alkylene and  $R_4$  is  $(R_{11})(R_{12})N-$  wherein  $R_{11}$  and  $R_{12}$  are independently selected from loweralkyl, aryl, arylalkyl, hydroxyalkyl, alkoxy, aminoalkyl, trialkylaminoalkyl, or heterocyclic.

Another still more preferred embodiment of the invention is a compound of formula I or II wherein n is 0, R is  $-C(O)_2-G$  wherein G is hydrogen or a carboxy protecting group, tetrazolyl or  $-C(O)-NHS(O)_2R_{16}$  wherein  $R_{16}$  is loweralkyl or

haloalkyl, Z is -CH<sub>2</sub>-, R<sub>1</sub> is loweralkyl, alkenyl, heterocyclic (alkyl), aryloxyalkyl, arylalkyl, (N-alkanoyl-N-alkyl)aminoalkyl, alkylsulfonylamidoalkyl, phenyl, or alkoxyalkyl, R<sub>2</sub> is 1,3-benzodioxolyl, 1,4-benzodioxanyl, 5 dihydrobenzofuranyl, benzofuranyl, 4-methoxyphenyl, dimethoxyphenyl, fluorophenyl or difluorophenyl and R<sub>3</sub> is R<sub>4</sub>-C(O)-R<sub>5</sub>- wherein R<sub>5</sub> is alkylene and R<sub>4</sub> is (R<sub>11</sub>)(R<sub>12</sub>)N- wherein R<sub>11</sub> and R<sub>12</sub> are independently selected from loweralkyl, aryl, arylalkyl, hydroxyalkyl, alkoxy, aminoalkyl, 10 trialkylaminoalkyl, or heterocyclic.

A most highly preferred embodiment of the invention is a compound of formula I or II wherein n is 0, R is -C(O)<sub>2</sub>-G wherein G is hydrogen or a carboxy protecting group, Z is -CH<sub>2</sub>-, R<sub>1</sub> is substituted or unsubstituted 4-methoxyphenyl, 4- 15 fluorophenyl, 2-fluorophenyl, 4-methylphenyl, 4-trifluoromethylphenyl, 4-pentafluoroethylphenyl, 4-methoxymethoxyphenyl, 4-hydroxyphenyl, 4-ethylphenyl, 1,3-benzodioxolyl, 1,4-benzodioxanyl or dihydrobenzofuranyl wherein the substituent is selected from alkoxy, alkoxyalkoxy 20 and carboxyalkoxy, R<sub>2</sub> is 1,3-benzodioxolyl, 1,4-benzodioxanyl, dihydrobenzofuranyl, benzofuranyl, 4-methoxyphenyl,



dimethoxyphenyl, fluorophenyl or difluorophenyl and R<sub>3</sub> is R<sub>4</sub>-C(O)-R<sub>5</sub>- wherein R<sub>5</sub> is alkylene and R<sub>4</sub> is (R<sub>11</sub>)(R<sub>12</sub>)N- wherein R<sub>11</sub> and R<sub>12</sub> are independently selected from loweralkyl.

Another most highly preferred embodiment of the invention  
5 is a compound of formula I or II wherein n is 0, R is -C(O)<sub>2</sub>-G wherein G is hydrogen or a carboxy protecting group, Z is -CH<sub>2</sub>-, R<sub>1</sub> is substituted or unsubstituted 4-methoxyphenyl, 4-fluorophenyl, 2-fluorophenyl, 4-methylphenyl, 4-trifluoromethylphenyl, 4-pentafluoroethylphenyl, 4-  
10 methoxymethoxyphenyl, 4-hydroxyphenyl, 4-ethylphenyl, 1,3-benzodioxolyl, 1,4-benzodioxanyl or dihydrobenzofuranyl wherein the substituent is selected from alkoxy, alkoxyalkoxy and carboxyalkoxy, R<sub>2</sub> is 1,3-benzodioxolyl, 1,4-benzodioxanyl, dihydrobenzofuranyl, benzofuranyl, 4-methoxyphenyl,  
15 dimethoxyphenyl, fluorophenyl or difluorophenyl and R<sub>3</sub> is R<sub>4</sub>-C(O)-R<sub>5</sub>- wherein R<sub>5</sub> is alkylene and R<sub>4</sub> is (R<sub>11</sub>)(R<sub>12</sub>)N- wherein R<sub>11</sub> is loweralkyl and R<sub>12</sub> is aryl.

Another most highly preferred embodiment of the invention  
is a compound of formula I or II wherein n is 0, R is -C(O)<sub>2</sub>-G  
20 wherein G is hydrogen or a carboxy protecting group, Z is -CH<sub>2</sub>-, R<sub>1</sub> is substituted or unsubstituted 4-methoxyphenyl, 3-

fluoro-4-methoxyphenyl, 3-fluorophenyl, 2-fluorophenyl, 3-fluoro-4-ethoxyphenyl, 4-methoxymethoxyphenyl, 1,3-benzodioxolyl, 1,4-benzodioxanyl or dihydrobenzofuranyl wherein the substituent is selected from loweralkyl, haloalkyl, alkoxy, alkoxyalkoxy and carboxyalkoxy,  $R_2$  is substituted or unsubstituted 1,3-benzodioxolyl, 7-methoxy-1,3-benzodioxolyl, 1,4-benzodioxanyl, 8-methoxy-1,4-benzodioxanyl, dihydrobenzofuranyl, 4-methoxyphenyl, dimethoxyphenyl, fluorophenyl or difluorophenyl wherein the substituent is selected from loweralkyl, alkoxy and halogen and  $R_3$  is  $R_6-S(O)_2-N(R_{21})-R_{10}$  wherein  $R_{10}$  is alkylene,  $R_6$  is loweralkyl, haloalkyl, alkoxyalkyl or haloalkoxyalkyl and  $R_{21}$  is loweralkyl, haloalkyl or alkoxyalkyl.

Another most highly preferred embodiment of the invention is a compound of formula I or II wherein  $n$  is 0,  $R$  is  $-C(O)_2-G$  wherein  $G$  is hydrogen or a carboxy protecting group,  $Z$  is  $-CH_2-$ ,  $R_1$  is substituted or unsubstituted 4-methoxyphenyl, 3-fluoro-4-methoxyphenyl, 3-fluorophenyl, 2-fluorophenyl, 3-fluoro-4-ethoxyphenyl, 4-methoxymethoxyphenyl, 1,3-benzodioxolyl, 1,4-benzodioxanyl or dihydrobenzofuranyl wherein the substituent is selected from loweralkyl,

haloalkyl, alkoxy, alkoxyalkoxy and carboxyalkoxy,  $R_2$  is substituted or unsubstituted 1,3-benzodioxolyl, 7-methoxy-1,3-benzodioxolyl, 1,4-benzodioxanyl, 8-methoxy-1,4-benzodioxanyl, dihydrobenzofuranyl, 4-methoxyphenyl, dimethoxyphenyl, 5 fluorophenyl or difluorophenyl wherein the substituent is selected from loweralkyl, alkoxy and halogen and  $R_3$  is  $R_4$ -C(O)- $R_5$ - wherein  $R_5$  is alkylene and  $R_4$  is  $(R_{11})(R_{12})N$ - wherein  $R_{11}$  is alkyl and  $R_{12}$  is selected from aryl, aminoalkyl, trialkylaminoalkyl, and heterocyclic.

10 Another most highly preferred embodiment of the invention is a compound of formula I or II wherein  $n$  is 0,  $R$  is  $-C(O)_2-G$  wherein  $G$  is hydrogen or a carboxy protecting group,  $Z$  is  $-CH_2-$ ,  $R_1$  is loweralkyl, alkenyl, heterocyclic (alkyl), aryloxyalkyl, aryalkyl, aryl, (N-alkanoyl-N-alkyl)aminoalkyl, 15 or alkylsulfonylamidoalkyl, and  $R_3$  is  $R_4$ -C(O)- $R_5$ - wherein  $R_5$  is alkylene and  $R_4$  is  $(R_{11})(R_{12})N$ - wherein  $R_{11}$  and  $R_{12}$  are independently selected from alkyl, aryl, hydroxyalkyl, alkoxy, aminoalkyl, trialkylaminoalkyl, and heterocyclic, with the proviso that one or  $R_{11}$  and  $R_{12}$  is alkyl.

20 Another most highly preferred embodiment of the invention is a compound of formula I or II wherein  $n$  is 0,  $Z$  is  $-CH_2-$ ,

and R<sub>3</sub> is R<sub>4</sub>-C(O)-R<sub>5</sub>- wherein R<sub>4</sub> is (R<sub>11</sub>)(R<sub>12</sub>)N- as defined therein and R<sub>5</sub> is alkylene.

Another most highly preferred embodiment of the invention is a compound of formula I or II wherein n is 0, Z is -CH<sub>2</sub>-,  
5 R<sub>1</sub> is loweralkyl, and R<sub>3</sub> is R<sub>4</sub>-C(O)-R<sub>5</sub>- wherein R<sub>4</sub> is (R<sub>11</sub>)(R<sub>12</sub>)N- as defined therein and R<sub>5</sub> is alkylene.

Another most highly preferred embodiment of the invention is a compound of formula I or II wherein n is 0, Z is -CH<sub>2</sub>-,  
R<sub>1</sub> is alkenyl, and R<sub>3</sub> is R<sub>4</sub>-C(O)-R<sub>5</sub>- wherein R<sub>4</sub> is  
10 (R<sub>11</sub>)(R<sub>12</sub>)N- as defined therein and R<sub>5</sub> is alkylene.

Another most highly preferred embodiment of the invention is a compound of formula I or II wherein n is 0, Z is -CH<sub>2</sub>-,  
R<sub>1</sub> is heterocyclic (alkyl), and R<sub>3</sub> is  
R<sub>4</sub>-C(O)-R<sub>5</sub>- wherein R<sub>4</sub> is (R<sub>11</sub>)(R<sub>12</sub>)N- as defined therein and  
15 R<sub>5</sub> is alkylene.

Another most highly preferred embodiment of the invention is a compound of formula I or II wherein n is 0, Z is -CH<sub>2</sub>-,  
R<sub>1</sub> is aryloxyalkyl, and R<sub>3</sub> is R<sub>4</sub>-C(O)-R<sub>5</sub>- wherein R<sub>4</sub> is  
(R<sub>11</sub>)(R<sub>12</sub>)N- as defined therein and R<sub>5</sub> is alkylene.

20 Another most highly preferred embodiment of the invention is a compound of formula I or II wherein n is 0, Z is -CH<sub>2</sub>-,

R<sub>1</sub> is arylalkyl, and R<sub>3</sub> is R<sub>4</sub>-C(O)-R<sub>5</sub>- wherein R<sub>4</sub> is (R<sub>11</sub>)(R<sub>12</sub>)N- as defined therein and R<sub>5</sub> is alkylene.

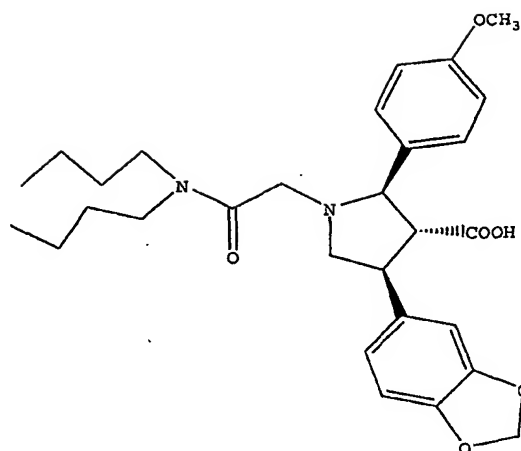
Another most highly preferred embodiment of the invention is a compound of formula I or II wherein n is 0, Z is -CH<sub>2</sub>-,  
5 R<sub>1</sub> is aryl, and R<sub>3</sub> is R<sub>4</sub>-C(O)-R<sub>5</sub>- wherein R<sub>4</sub> is (R<sub>11</sub>)(R<sub>12</sub>)N- as defined therein and R<sub>5</sub> is alkylene.

Another most highly preferred embodiment of the invention is a compound of formula I or II wherein n is 0, Z is -CH<sub>2</sub>-,  
R<sub>1</sub> is (N-alkanoyl-N-alkyl)aminoalkyl, and R<sub>3</sub> is R<sub>4</sub>-C(O)-R<sub>5</sub>-  
10 wherein R<sub>4</sub> is (R<sub>11</sub>)(R<sub>12</sub>)N- as defined therein and R<sub>5</sub> is alkylene..

Another most highly preferred embodiment of the invention is a compound of formula I or II wherein n is 0, Z is -CH<sub>2</sub>-,  
R<sub>1</sub> is alkylsulfonylamidoalkyl, and R<sub>3</sub> is R<sub>4</sub>-C(O)-R<sub>5</sub>- wherein  
15 R<sub>4</sub> is (R<sub>11</sub>)(R<sub>12</sub>)N- as defined therein and R<sub>5</sub> is alkylene.

A particularly preferred compound of formula I is a compound of formula III, also known as ABT-627:

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III

Compounds of formula I, II, and III may be synthesized by  
5 methods provided in commonly owned U.S. patent application  
Serial No. 09/048,955, filed March 27, 1998, U.S. patent  
application Serial No. 08/794,506, filed February 4, 1997,  
U.S. patent application Serial No. 08/600,625, filed February  
13, 1996, U.S. patent application Serial No. 08/497,998, filed  
10 August 2, 1995, U.S. patent application Serial No. 08/442,575,  
filed May 30, 1995, U.S. patent application Serial No.  
08/334,717, filed November 4, 1994, and U.S. patent  
application Serial No. 08/293,349, filed August 19, 1994, the  
disclosures of which are herein incorporated by reference.

15 Other suitable endothelin ET-A receptor antagonist may

be used, such as those disclosed in U.S. Patent Nos.  
6,048,893, 6,017,951, and 5,998,468.

The term "inhibit" is defined to include its generally  
accepted meaning which includes preventing, prohibiting,  
5 restraining, and slowing, stopping or reversing progression,  
or severity, and holding in check and/or treating existing  
characteristics. The present method includes both medical  
therapeutic and/or prophylactic treatment, as appropriate.

The methods of the present invention are useful in men as  
10 well as in women. Preferably, however, the methods of the  
present invention are useful in men, more preferably men with  
prostate cancer.

The ability of the compounds of formula I, II, and III to  
treat cancers can be demonstrated according to the method  
15 described in J. Clin. Invest. 87 1867 (1991). Types of cancer  
includes primary cancer such as breast, prostate, lung,  
kidney, thyroid, myeloma, lymphoma, sarcoma, osteosarcoma, and  
ovarian.

The ability of the compounds of the invention to treat  
20 nociception can be demonstrated according to the method  
described in J. Pharmacol. Exp. Therap. 271 156 (1994).

The compounds of the present invention can be used in the

form of salts derived from inorganic or organic acids. These salts include but are not limited to the following: acetate, adipate, alginate, citrate, aspartate, benzoate, benzenesulfonate, bisulfate, butyrate, camphorate, camphorsulfonate, digluconate, cyclopentanepropionate, dodecylsulfate, ethanesulfonate, glucoheptanoate, glycerophosphate, hemisulfate, heptanoate, hexanoate, fumarate, hydrochloride, hydrobromide, hydroiodide, 2-hydroxyethanesulfonate, lactate, maleate, methanesulfonate, nicotinate, 2-naphthalenesulfonate, oxalate, pamoate, pectinate, persulfate, 3-phenylpropionate, picrate, pivalate, propionate, succinate, tartrate, thiocyanate, p-toluenesulfonate and undecanoate. Also, the basic nitrogen-containing groups can be quaternized with such agents as loweralkyl halides, such as methyl, ethyl, propyl, and butyl chloride, bromides, and iodides; dialkyl sulfates like dimethyl, diethyl, dibutyl, and diamyl sulfates, long chain halides such as decyl, lauryl, myristyl and stearyl chlorides, bromides and iodides, aralkyl halides like benzyl and phenethyl bromides, and others. Water or oil-soluble or dispersible products are thereby obtained.

Examples of acids which may be employed to form



pharmaceutically acceptable acid addition salts include such inorganic acids as hydrochloric acid, sulphuric acid and phosphoric acid and such organic acids as oxalic acid, maleic acid, succinic acid and citric acid.

5        Basic addition salts can be prepared *in situ* during the final isolation and purification of the compounds of formula I, or separately by reacting the carboxylic acid function with a suitable base such as the hydroxide, carbonate or bicarbonate of a pharmaceutically acceptable metal cation or  
10    with ammonia, or an organic primary, secondary or tertiary amine. Such pharmaceutically acceptable salts include, but are not limited to, cations based on the alkali and alkaline earth metals, such as sodium, lithium, potassium, calcium, magnesium, aluminum salts and the like, as well as nontoxic  
15    ammonium, quaternary ammonium, and amine cations, including, but not limited to ammonium, tetramethylammonium, tetraethylammonium, methylamine, dimethylamine, trimethylamine, triethylamine, ethylamine, and the like.  
Other representative organic amines useful for the formation  
20    of base addition salts include diethylamine, ethylenediamine, ethanolamine, diethanolamine, piperazine and the like.

The compounds of formulas I, II and III are useful for

antagonizing endothelin in humans or other mammals. Total daily dose administered to a host in single or divided doses may be in amounts, for example, from 0.001 to 1000 mg/kg body weight daily and more usually 0.1 to 100 mg/kg for oral  
5 administration or 0.01 to 10 mg/kg for parenteral administration. Dosage unit compositions may contain such amounts of submultiples thereof to make up the daily dose.

Pharmaceutical formulations may be prepared by procedures known in the art. The amount of active ingredient that may be  
10 combined with the carrier materials to produce a single dosage form will vary depending upon the host treated and the particular mode of administration.

It will be understood, however, that the specific dose level for any particular patient will depend upon a variety of  
15 factors including the activity of the specific compound employed, the age, body weight, general health, sex, diet, time of administration, route of administration, rate of excretion, drug combination, and the severity of the particular disease undergoing therapy.

20 The compounds of the present invention may be administered orally, buccally, parenterally, sublingually, by inhalation spray, rectally, or topically in dosage unit

formulations containing conventional nontoxic pharmaceutically acceptable carriers, adjuvants, and vehicles as desired.

Topical administration may also involve the use of transdermal administration such as transdermal patches or iontophoresis devices. The term parenteral as used herein includes subcutaneous injections, intravenous, intramuscular, intrasternal injection, transcutaneous, intradermal, or infusion techniques.

Injectable preparations, for example, sterile injectable aqueous or oleagenous suspensions may be formulated according to the known art using suitable dispersing or wetting agents and suspending agents. The sterile injectable preparation may also be a sterile injectable solution or suspension in a nontoxic parenterally acceptable diluent or solvent, for example, as a solution in 1,3-propanediol. Among the acceptable vehicles and solvents that may be employed are water, Ringer's solution, and isotonic sodium chloride solution. In addition, sterile, fixed oils are conventionally employed as a solvent or suspending medium. For this purpose any bland fixed oil may be employed including synthetic mono- or diglycerides. In addition, fatty acids such as oleic acid find use in the preparation of injectables.

Suppositories for rectal administration of the drug can be prepared by mixing the drug with a suitable nonirritating excipient such as cocoa butter and polyethylene glycols which are solid at ordinary temperatures but liquid at the rectal  
5 temperature and will therefore melt in the rectum and release the drug.

Solid dosage forms for oral administration may include capsules, tablets, pills, powders, and granules. In such solid dosage forms, the active compound may be admixed with at  
10 least one inert diluent such as sucrose lactose or starch. Such dosage forms may also comprise, as is normal practice, additional substances other than inert diluents, e.g., lubricating agents such as magnesium stearate. In the case of capsules, tablets, and pills, the dosage forms may also  
15 comprise buffering agents. Tablets and pills can additionally be prepared with enteric coatings.

Liquid dosage forms for oral administration may include pharmaceutically acceptable emulsions, solutions, suspensions, syrups, and elixirs containing inert diluents commonly used in  
20 the art, such as water. Such compositions may also comprise adjuvants, such as wetting agents, emulsifying and suspending agents, and sweetening, flavoring, and perfuming agents.

The compounds of the present invention can also be administered in the form of liposomes. As is known in the art, liposomes are generally derived from phospholipids or other lipid substances. Liposomes are formed by mono- or  
5 multi-lamellar hydrated liquid crystals that are dispersed in an aqueous medium. Any non-toxic, physiologically acceptable and metabolizable lipid capable of forming liposomes can be used. The present compositions in liposome form can contain, in addition to a compound of the present invention,  
10 stabilizers, preservatives, excipients, and the like. The preferred lipids are the phospholipids and phosphatidyl cholines (lecithins), both natural and synthetic.

Methods to form liposomes are known in the art. See, for example, Prescott, Ed., Methods in Cell Biology, Volume XIV,  
15 Academic Press, New York, N.Y. (1976), p. 33 et seq.

A representative solid dosage form, for example, a tablet or a capsule, comprises:

Compound of the invention:	35% w/w
Starch, Pregelatinized, NF	50% w/w
20 Microcrystalline Cellulose, NF	10% w/w
Talc, Powder, USP	5% w/w

While the compounds of the invention can be administered

as the sole active therapeutic agent, they can also be used in combination with one or more co-therapeutic agents, such as anticancer drugs or methods including, but not limited to, hormonal agents, such as leuprolide (Lupron<sup>®</sup>); gonadorelin antagonists, such as goserelin (Zoladex<sup>®</sup>) and abarelix;  
5 bicalutamide; nilutamide; flutamide; vitamin D; vitamin D analogues; estrogen and estrogen analogues, such as diethylstilbestrol; prednisone; hydrocortisone; ketoconazole; cyproterone acetate; progesterone; 5-alpha reductase  
10 inhibitors, such as finasteride; bone-seeking radionuclides, such as samarium (Quadramet<sup>®</sup>), strontium (Metastron<sup>®</sup>), and <sup>186</sup>rhodium; external beam radiation, including three dimensional conformal radiation; brachytherapy, which is the implantation of radioactive seeds directly into the prostate;  
15 monoclonal antibodies such as trastuzumab (Herceptin<sup>®</sup>); anti-angiogenic agents such as thrombospondin peptide or kringle 5; matrix metalloproteinase inhibitors; farnesyl transferase inhibitors; lycopenes; urokinase; plasminogen activator inhibitors; plasminogen activator receptor blockers; apoptosis  
20 inducers; selective and non-selective alpha blockers; platinum agents, such as cis-platinum and carbo-platinum; taxane class agents, such as docitaxil and paclitaxil; estramustine;

gemcytabine; adriamycin; doxorubicin; daunorubicin;  
mitoxantrone; vinblastine; vincristine; capecitabine;  
irinotecan; topotecan;  
5-fluorouracil; interferons; cytoxan; methotrexate;  
5 cytokines, such as IL-2; PPAR agonists, such as thiazolidine  
diones; retinoid-type agents, 5-lipoxygenase inhibitors, such  
as zyfo (Zilueton®), COX-2 inhibitors; gene-therapy based  
therapeutics, including sense and anti-sense genes;  
cholesterol lowering drugs, such as lovastatin, pravastatin,  
10 and simvastatin; bisphosphonates; osteoprotegrin; and  
antibodies, both monoclonal and polyclonal; antibody-coupled  
radionucleotides; antibody-coupled cytotoxic agents; antibody-  
coupled radionucleotides; viral-vector delivered agents;  
vaccines directed at protein, carbohydrate, or nucleic acid  
15 targets; aminoglutethimide; and suramin.

These combinations can be administered as separate  
compositions or as a single dosage form containing both or all  
agents. When administered as a combination, the therapeutic  
agents can be formulated as separate compositions, which are  
20 given at the same time or different times, or the therapeutic  
agents can be given as a single composition.

In addition, the compounds invention can be used in

combination with one or more co-therapeutic agents which impede net bone loss, such as estrogens, bisphosphonates, and estrogen receptor modulators, such as raloxifene, and calcitonin.

5       The compounds of the invention can additionally be administered in combination with surgery, such as radical prostatectomy, cryotherapy, transurethral resection of the prostate as an adjuvant, and the like, or prior to surgery as a neoadjuvant agent.

10       The current major diseases or conditions of bone which are of public concern include, but are not limited to, post-menopausal osteoporosis, ovariectomy patients, senile osteoporosis, patients undergoing long-term treatment of corticosteroids, side effects from glucocorticoid or steroid  
15 treatment, patients suffering from Cushings's syndrome, gonadal dysgenesis, periarticular erosions in rheumatoid arthritis, osteoarthritis, Paget's disease, osteomalacia, hypercalcemia of malignancy, osteopenia due to bone metastases, periodontal disease, hyperparathyroidism,  
20 osteroperosis from Lupron therapy, and starvation. All of these conditions are characterized by bone loss, resulting from an imbalance between the degradation of bone (bone



resorption) and the formation of new healthy bone. This turnover of bone continues normally throughout life and is the mechanism by which bone regenerates. However, the conditions stated above will tip the balance towards bone loss such that  
5 the amount of bone resorbed is inadequately replaced with new bone, resulting in net bone loss.

#### Examples

Studies were performed on male subjects with asymptomatic  
10 hormone refractory prostate cancer with rising PSA levels and on male subjects with symptomatic hormone refractory prostate cancer with rising PSA levels and pain. Subjects in the phase II studies had castrate levels of testosterone, either due to pharmacologic intervention, via leuprolide (Lupron®) or  
15 goserelin (Zoladex®), or via surgical castration. Subjects received ABT-627 or placebo. The following tests were conducted:

ABT-627 was formulated in 2.5 and 10 mg doses. An oral liquid formulation of ABT-627 was also prepared as follows: 1  
20 mg/ml ABT-627, 50% glycerin, 14% alcohol, and water. Matching placebos were also provided.

A number of recognized or putative biochemical markers of

disease progression have been used to monitor treatment of individuals with prostate cancer. Among these markers are serum Prostate Specific Antigen (PSA), serum acid Phosphatase, Interleukin-6, and Chromagranin-A. As currently accepted, favorable treatment is marked by a decrease or slower rate of increase for PSA, acid phosphatase, and Interleukin-6, while a favorable response is marked by an increase in Chromagranin-A.

Serum samples were obtained from subjects during treatment with the ET antagonist ABT-627 in order to determine PSA, acid phosphatase, IL-6, and Chromagranin-A values.

#### Prostate Specific Antigen Level Assay

The effect of ABT-627 administration on prostate specific antigen (PSA) levels in human subject serum samples was determined using the procedure described in the Chiron Diagnostics ACS: Centaur PSA2 Assay. This assay is a two-site sandwich immunoassay which uses direct chemiluminescence and constant amounts of two antibodies. The first antibody, the Lite Reagent, is an affinity purified polyclonal sheep anti-PSA antibody labeled with acridinium ester. The Lite Reagent is purchased as a 5.0 mL reagent pack comprising the polyclonal sheep anti-PSA antibody (3.1 µg) in buffered saline

with sodium azide (0.1%). The second antibody, the Solid Phase, is a monoclonal mouse anti-PSA antibody covalently coupled to paramagnetic particles. The Solid Phase is purchased as a 25.0 mL reagent pack comprising the covalently coupled monoclonal mouse anti-PSA antibody (316 µg) in buffered saline with sodium azide (0.1%). The assay was performed at Quintiles Laboratories (Smyrna, GA) using Chiron Diagnostics ACS: Centaur® Automated Chemiluminescence Systems.

Briefly, a subject population was treated with a placebo or 2.5 mg or 10 mg of ABT-627. Blood samples were collected, allowed to adequately clot, centrifuged at 1000 x g for 15-20 minutes, and stored at -20 °C if not assayed within 48 hours. A cuvette was charged sequentially with serum, Lite Reagent (50 µL), and Solid Phase (250 µL). The resulting mixture was incubated for 7.5 minutes at 37 °C, separated, and treated with the solution of Acid Reagent and Base Reagent to initiate the chemiluminescent reaction. A direct relationship exists between the amount of PSA present in the patient sample and the RLU's (relative light units) detected. As shown by the area under the curve (AUC) in Figure 2, the rate of increase of PSA in the serum samples decreases after the administration of ABT-627, demonstrating the effectiveness of ABT-627 as an

agent for treating prostate cancer.

#### Acid Phosphatase Levels

The effect of ABT-627 administration on Acid Phosphatase  
5 levels in human subject serum samples was determined at  
Quintiles Laboratories using the chemical test described in  
Sigma Diagnostics Acid Phosphatase (ACP) Procedure No. 435.

The enzyme Acid Phosphatase (ACP) catalyzes the hydrolysis of  
alpha-naphthyl phosphate to alpha-naphthol and inorganic

10 phosphate. The alpha-naphthol immediately reacts with fast  
red TR salt to produce a yellow chromophore with an absorbance  
maximum at 405 nm. The rate of increase in absorbance at 405  
nm is directly proportional to ACP activity in the sample.  
ACP activity was determined in the presence and absence of L-  
15 tartrate, the difference being attributed to prostatic acid  
phosphatase activity.

Briefly, a subject population was treated with a placebo  
or 2.5 mg or 10 mg of ABT-627. Blood samples were collected,  
allowed to adequately clot, centrifuged at 1000 x g for 15-20  
20 minutes, and stored at -20 °C if not assayed within 48 hours.  
Assays were performed on a Hitachi Spectrophotometer. A cuvette  
was charged sequentially with ACP reagent (1 mL), prepared as

described in the assay protocol, and serum (0.1 mL). The mixture was agitated and incubated for 5 minutes, and an absorbance (A) at 405 nm (versus water as a reference) was read to provide an initial absorbance. The mixture was  
5 incubated for another 5 minutes, and a second absorbance was read to provide a final absorbance. A change  $A/5$  minute value was obtained by subtracting the initial absorbance from the final absorbance and was used to calculate total ACP activity.

To provide the tartrate-resistant acid phosphatase  
10 activity, the above procedure was repeated with the addition of ACP tartrate reagent (0.01 mL) to the cuvette containing the ACP reagent and mixing before adding the serum. Prostatic acid phosphatase activity was calculated by subtracting the the tartrate-resistant acid phosphatase activity from the ACP  
15 activity. As shown shown by the (AUC) in Figure 7, the rate of increase and the average change from baseline for acid phosphatase was decreased in those subjects treated with ABT-627, again demonstrating the effectiveness of ABT-627 as an agent for treating prostate cancer.

#### Chromogranin-A Levels

The effect of ABT-627 administration on Chromagranin-A levels in human serum samples was determined by proprietary assay conducted at the Nichols Institute. The procedure is a two site chemiluminescence assay (ICMA) using one monoclonal antibody conjugated with biotin, another monoclonal antibody labeled with an acridinium ester, and an avidin-coated solid phase. The antibody/Chromagranin-A/antibody complex is bound to the solid phase by the avidin-biotin interaction and unbound materials are removed by washing. The bound, acridinium-labeled material produces light that is detected in a luminometer after addition of triggering agents. The Limit of Detection (LOD) for the assay was 0.07 ng/mL. As shown by the AUC in Figure 8, the average change from baseline for Chromagranin-A was higher for subjects treated with 2.5 mg/day of ABT-627, again demonstrating the effectiveness of ABT-627 as an agent for treating prostate cancer.

#### Interleukin-6 Levels

The effect of ABT-627 administration on Interleukin-6 levels in human serum samples was determined at Quintiles Laboratories using a sandwich immunoassay. Human serum samples and standards were incubated in microtiter plate wells

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coated with a monoclonal anti-IL-6 antibody, in the presence of a second monoclonal anti IL-6 antibody, linked to acetylcholinesterase. After incubation, the wells were washed, and the bound enzymatic activity was measured using a chromogenic substrate. The intensity of the color was proportional to the concentration of IL-6 in the sample or standard. As shown by the AUC Figure 1, the average change in baseline for Interleukin-6 was lower in those subjects treated with ABT-627, demonstrating the effectiveness of ABT-627 as an agent for reducing inflammation and ameliorating pain.

#### Bone Scan Methodology

Bone scans were performed with an NDA approved, Tc-99m phosphonate type radiopharmaceutical. This technique uses whole body format (skull to feet) so that anterior and posterior images are presented when using a 510 K-approved gamma camera. Alternatively, spot views covering both anterior and posterior projections of the total body can be obtained. Interpretation was performed according to standard nuclear medicine criteria, on a bone by bone basis, by recording the number of lesions at each site. Each site was evaluated against a confidence score of 1 to 5, where 1 is

negative, 2 is probably negative, 3 is equivocal, 4 is probably positive, and 5 is definitely positive. The MSKCC (Clin. Can. Res. 1998; 4:1765-1772) was used to record these findings. For the purposes of scoring the extent of disease or the response to treatment, lesions with a confidence score of 4 and 5 were considered positive, and all other lesions were considered negative. In addition, in a blinded study, a reference nuclear medicine physician interpreted the bone scans quantitatively as follows: the percent of involved bone was estimated for each individual bone, and the individual bone involvement was summed to calculate a global percent bone scan index (BSI). More specifically, the bone scan was separated into three indices. The first was the appendicular scan which involved arms and legs (i.e. the humerus and all bones distal to the humerus and the femur and everything distal to the femur). The second was the axial (everything but the arms and the legs). The results of these scans were combined to provide the total BSI.

Bone scans were conducted on each subject on day one of the study, and on the final day of the study, and the changes from baseline in bone scan index scores were analysed by mean change and mean percent change, adjusting for baseline



characteristics as co-variates using SAS version XXX software.

As shown in Figure 6, bone scans indicated a decrease in the proportion of total skeletal involvement in those subjects receiving ABT-627 versus placebo, demonstrating the  
5 effectiveness of ABT-627 as an agent for reducing the fraction of total skeletal involvement by tumor.

#### VAS Methodology/Administration/Analysis

The Visual Analog Scale (VAS) is a common instrument of  
10 pain assessment performed by having a subject draw a vertical line on a 10 cm scale at the point that best describes his or her pain on average in the last 24 hours. A diagram of the scale is shown below:

15 No pain I-----I Pain as bad as it could  
possibly be

(not to scale)

During the course of the study, pain assessments were done daily, at bedtime, by the subject. If the subject was unable  
20 to maintain the log, a caregiver could complete the log on his or her behalf. The log also contained a table on which was recorded all daily pain medication consumed by the patient.

The logs of daily VAS scores and analgesic consumption were collected at biweekly visits of the subject to the clinic when a new log was distributed. Clinical personnel who received the logs measured the score by measuring the distance (in mm) from the "no pain" end mark to the point where the subject's line crossed the VAS line. The number was written into the case report form next to the date the subject completed that page of the logbook.

Subjects with pain were initially stabilized in their pain so that their pain was treated to a tolerable and constant level. For this study, "tolerable and constant" refers to a pain score less than or equal to 5 cm on the VAS for an average of seven successive days while using four or less rescue doses of pain medication per day. A rescue medication dose refers to a dose equal to one single dose a patient used for common timed pain relief.

The weekly VAS scores were calculated excluding the lowest and highest score for each week and averaging the remaining five scores. If there were two days with the same VAS score, the day with the highest analgesic use was discarded.

The weekly mean VAS score was used to define subjects as

responders or non-responders. A subject was considered a responder based on the reduction in the pain intensity: a weekly VAS score reduction of greater than or equal to 25% during at least two consecutive weeks without an increase of analgesic use during the same period (compared to baseline).  
5 Alternatively, a subject was considered a responder if his pain analgesic consumption was reduced by at least 25% during at least two consecutive weeks without a concomitant increase in VAS score.

10 The percentage of responders in each treatment group was compared to evaluate drug efficacy. The comparison was subjected to an adjustment for baseline characteristics and prognostic factors as co-variates, and the analysis was performed using the Cochran-Mantel-Haenszel test or a  
15 generalized linear model.

Weekly VAS scores are examined using a longitudinal analysis method to explore trends over time. The duration of the response, defined as the time from baseline to the last weekly assessment for which the responder definition was  
20 satisfied, was analyzed using the Kaplan-Meier methodology and logrank test. Cox proportional hazard models were used as needed (see U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Management of Cancer Pain Clinical Practice Guidelines. AHCPR Publication #94-0592, Rockville, MD (1994). As shown by the AUC in Figure 3, VAS scores showed a decrease in pain, independent of the effects of morphine, after treatment with  
5 with ABT-627, demonstrating the effectiveness of ABT-627 as an agent for ameliorating pain.

#### Osteoblastic Activity and Bone Markers

Markers of osteoblastic activity were assessed using  
10 urine samples. Bone markers include bone alkaline phosphatase (BAP), deoxypridinoline, and N-telopeptide of Type I collagen. Blood samples were collected prior to dosing on Day 1, Day 42, Day 84, Day 168, and every 28 days after Day 168, with a final collection on the last day of the study.

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#### Bone Alkaline Phosphatase

Bone Alkaline Phosphatase levels were determined using the bone-specific Alkphase-B<sup>®</sup> assay published by Metra Biosystems (Mountain View, CA). As shown by the AUC in Figure  
20 5, BAP levels decreased in subjects treated with ABT-627, demonstrating the effectiveness of ABT-627 as an agent for inhibiting abnormal bone remodeling.

Crosslinked N-Telopeptide Levels:

Cross-linked N-telopeptide levels were determined using the DiaSorin (Stillwater, MN) assay for the quantitative determination of carboxyterminal cross-linked telopeptide of type I collagen (ICTP) in human serum by equilibrium radioimmunoassay (RIA). Briefly, samples were incubated with the  $^{125}\text{I}$  ICTP tracer and ICTP primary antibody for 2 hours at 37 °C. Following the 2 hour incubation, a pre-precipitated second antibody complex was added to separate the bound from free tracer. The assay was then centrifuged and decanted after a 30 minute incubation at room temperature. The bound tracer in the pellet was counted with a gamma counter. Counts were inversely proportional to the amount of ICTP present in each sample. As shown by the AUC in Figure 4, Crosslinked N-telopeptide levels decreased in subjects treated with ABT-627, demonstrating the effectiveness of ABT-627 as an agent for inhibiting the bone remodeling associated with bone diseases.

We Claim:

1. A method for inhibiting bone metastases and metastatic growth in a patient which comprises administering  
5 to the patient in need thereof a therapeutically effective amount of an endothelin ET-A receptor antagonist.

2. The method of Claim 1 wherein the bone metastases are osteoblastic.

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3. The method of Claim 2 wherein the osteoblastic bone metastases result from the spread of a primary cancer selected from breast, prostate, lung, kidney, thyroid, myeloma, lymphoma, sarcoma, osteosarcoma, and ovarian.

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4. The method of Claim 3 wherein the primary cancer is prostate cancer and the patient is male.

5. The method of Claim 1 which additionally comprises  
20 co-administration of an anticancer drug.

6. The method of Claim 5 wherein the anticancer drug

agent is selected from leuprolide, goserelin, bicalutamide, nilutamide, flutamide, vitamin D, vitamin D analogues, estrogen, estrogen analogues, prednisone, hydrocortisone, ketoconazole, cyproterone acetate, and progesterone.

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7. The method of Claim 1 which additionally comprises the administration of radiation therapy.

8. The method of Claim 1 which additionally comprises  
10 the administration of at least one therapeutic agent which impedes net bone loss.

9. The method of Claim 8 wherein the therapeutic agent is a bisphosphonate.

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10. The method of Claim 1 wherein the endothelin antagonist is an ET<sub>A</sub>-selective endothelin antagonist.

11. A method for the inhibition of bone loss in a  
20 patient which comprises administering to the patient in need thereof a therapeutically effective amount of an endothelin ET-A receptor antagonist.

12. The method of Claim 11 wherein the patient has cancer.

5 13. The method of Claim 11 wherein the cancer is prostate cancer and the patient is male.

14. The method of Claim 11 which additionally comprises the administration of at least one therapeutic agent which  
10 impedes net bone loss.

15. The method of Claim 14 wherein the therapeutic agent is a bisphosphonate.

15 16. A method for the reduction of cancer-related pain in a patient which comprises administering to the patient in need thereof a therapeutically effective amount of an endothelin ET-A receptor antagonist.

20 17. The method of Claim 16 wherein the cancer is prostate cancer and the patient is male.

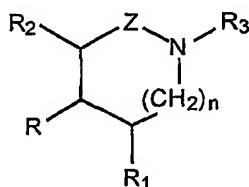


18. The method of Claim 16 which additionally comprises the administration of an anticancer drug.

19. The method of Claim 18 wherein the anticancer drug  
5 is selected from leuprolide, goserelin, bicalutamide, nilutamide, flutamide, vitamin D, vitamin D analogues, estrogen, estrogen analogues, prednisone, hydrocortisone, ketoconazole, cyproterone acetate, and progesterone.

10 20. The method of Claim 17 which additionally comprises the administration of radiation therapy.

21. A method for inhibiting bone metastases in a patient which comprises administering to the patient in need thereof a  
15 therapeutically effective amount of a compound of formula I:



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wherein

R is -(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>m</sub>-W;

Z is selected from  $-C(R_{18})(R_{19})-$  and  $-C(O)-$ ;

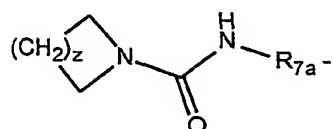
$R_1$  and  $R_2$  are independently selected from hydrogen,  
loweralkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, alkoxyalkyl,  
alkoxycarbonylalkyl, hydroxyalkyl, haloalkyl, haloalkoxyalkyl,  
5 alkoxyalkoxyalkyl, thioalkoxyalkoxyalkyl, cycloalkyl,  
cycloalkylalkyl, aminocarbonylalkyl, alkylaminocarbonylalkyl,  
dialkylaminocarbonylalkyl, aminocarbonylalkenyl,  
alkylaminocarbonylalkenyl, dialkylaminocarbonylalkenyl,  
hydroxyalkenyl, aryl, arylalkyl, aryloxyalkyl,  
10 arylalkoxyalkyl, (N-alkanoyl-N-alkyl)aminoalkyl,  
alkylsulfonamidalkyl, heterocyclic, (heterocyclic)alkyl,  
and  $(R_{aa})(R_{bb})N-R_{cc}-$ ,

with the proviso that one or both of  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  is other  
than hydrogen;

15  $R_3$  is selected from  $R_4-C(O)-R_5-$ ,  $R_4-R_{5a}-$ ,  $R_4-C(O)-R_5-$   
 $N(R_6)-$ ,  $R_6-S(O)_2-R_7-$ ,  $R_{26}-S(O)-R_{27}-$ ,  $R_{22}-O-C(O)-R_{23}-$ ,  
loweralkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl,  
aryl, arylalkyl, aryloxyalkyl, heterocyclic,  
(heterocyclic)alkyl, alkoxyalkyl, alkoxyalkoxyalkyl, and  $R_{13}-$   
20  $C(O)-CH(R_{14})-$ ;

$R_4$  and  $R_6$  are independently selected from  $(R_{11})(R_{12})N-$ ,

loweralkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl,  
 aryl, arylalkyl, heterocyclic, (heterocyclic)alkyl,  
 alkoxyalkyl, hydroxyalkyl, haloalkyl, haloalkenyl,  
 haloalkoxyalkyl, haloalkoxy, alkoxyhaloalkyl, alkylaminoalkyl,  
 5 dialkylaminoalkyl, alkoxy, and



R<sub>5</sub> is selected from a covalent bond, alkylene,  
 alkenylene, -N(R<sub>20</sub>)-R<sub>8</sub>-, -R<sub>8a</sub>-N(R<sub>20</sub>)-R<sub>8</sub>-, -O-R<sub>9</sub>-, and  
 -R<sub>9a</sub>-O-R<sub>9</sub>-;

10 R<sub>6</sub> is selected from loweralkyl, haloalkyl, alkoxyalkyl,  
 haloalkoxyalkyl, aryl or arylalkyl;

R<sub>7</sub> is a covalent bond, alkylene, alkenylene -N(R<sub>21</sub>)-R<sub>10</sub>-,  
 and -R<sub>10a</sub>-N(R<sub>21</sub>)-R<sub>10</sub>-;

R<sub>8</sub> is selected from alkylene and alkenylene;

15 R<sub>9</sub> is alkylene;

R<sub>10</sub> is selected from alkylene and alkenylene;

R<sub>11</sub> and R<sub>12</sub> are independently selected from hydrogen,  
 loweralkyl, haloalkyl, alkoxyalkyl, haloalkoxyalkylalkenyl,  
 alkynyl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, aryl, heterocyclic,

arylalkyl, (heterocyclic)alkyl, hydroxyalkyl, alkoxy,  
aminoalkyl,trialkylaminoalkyl, alkylaminoalkyl,  
dialkylaminoalkyl, and carboxyalkyl;

R<sub>13</sub> is selected from amino, alkylamino and dialkylamino;

5 R<sub>14</sub> is selected from aryl and R<sub>15</sub>-C(O)-;

R<sub>15</sub> is selected from amino, alkylamino and dialkylamino;

R<sub>16</sub> is selected from loweralkyl, haloalkyl, aryl and  
dialkylamino;

R<sub>17</sub> is loweralkyl;

10 R<sub>18</sub> and R<sub>19</sub> are independently selected from hydrogen and  
loweralkyl;

R<sub>20</sub> is selected from hydrogen, loweralkyl, alkenyl,  
haloalkyl, alkoxyalkyl, haloalkoxyalkyl, cylcoalkyl and  
cycloalkylalkyl;

15 R<sub>21</sub> is selected from hydrogen, loweralkyl, alkenyl,  
haloalkyl, alkoxyalkyl, haloalkoxyalkyl, aryl and arylalkyl;

R<sub>22</sub> is selected from a carboxy protecting group and  
heterocyclic;

R<sub>23</sub> is selected from covalent bond, alkylene, alkenylene  
20 and -N(R<sub>24</sub>)-R<sub>25</sub>-;

R<sub>24</sub> is selected from hydrogen and loweralkyl;

R<sub>25</sub> is alkylene;

R<sub>26</sub> is selected from loweralkyl, haloalkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, aryl, arylalkyl, heterocyclic, (heterocyclic)alkyl, alkoxyalkyl and alkoxy-  
5 substituted haloalkyl;

R<sub>27</sub> is selected from alkylene and alkenylene;

R<sub>5a</sub> is selected from alkylene and alkenylene;

R<sub>7a</sub> is alkylene;

R<sub>8a</sub> is selected from alkylene and alkenylene;

10 R<sub>9a</sub> is alkylene;

R<sub>10a</sub> is selected from alkylene and alkenylene;

R<sub>aa</sub> is selected from aryl and arylalkyl;

R<sub>bb</sub> is selected from hydrogen and alkanoyl;

R<sub>cc</sub> is alkylene;

15 m is 0-6;

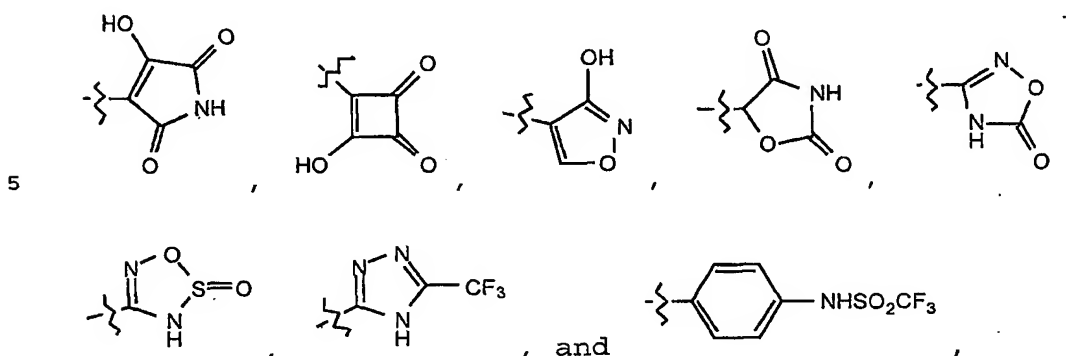
n is 0 or 1;

z is 0-5;

E is selected from hydrogen, loweralkyl and arylalkyl;

G is selected from hydrogen and a carboxy protecting  
20 group; and

W is selected from  $-C(O)_2-G$ ;  $-PO_3H_2$ ,  $-P(O)(OH)(E)$ ,  
 $-CN$ ,  $-C(O)NHR_{17}$ , alkylaminocarbonyl, dialkylaminocarbonyl,  
 tetrazolyl, hydroxy, alkoxy, sulfonamido,  $-C(O)NHS(O)_2R_{16}$ ,  $-$   
 $S(O)_2NHC(O)R_{16}$ ,



or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

22. The method of Claim 21 wherein the bone metastases  
 10 are osteoblastic.

23. The method of Claim 22 wherein the osteoblastic bone  
 metastases result from the spread of a primary cancer selected  
 from breast, prostate, lung, kidney, thyroid, myeloma,  
 15 lymphoma, sarcoma, osteosarcoma, and ovarian.

24. The method of Claim 23 wherein the primary cancer is

prostate cancer and the patient is male.

25. The method of Claim 21 which additionally comprises the administration of an anticancer drug.

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26. The method of Claim 25 wherein the additional anticancer drug is selected from leuprolide, goserelin, bicalutamide, nilutamide, flutamide, vitamin D, vitamin D analogues, estrogen, estrogen analogues, prednisone, hydrocortisone, ketoconazole, cyproterone acetate, and progesterone.

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27. The method of Claim 21 which additionally comprises the administration of radiation therapy.

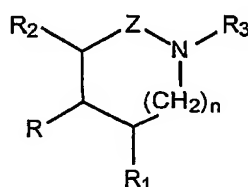
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28. The method of Claim 21 which additionally comprises the administration of at least one therapeutic agent which impedes net bone loss.

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29. The method of Claim 28 wherein the therapeutic agent is a bisphosphonate.

30. A method for the inhibition of bone loss in cancer patients which comprises administering to the patient in need thereof a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of formula I:



I

wherein

R is  $-(CH_2)_m-W$ ;

Z is selected from  $-C(R_{18})(R_{19})-$  and  $-C(O)-$ ;

10 R<sub>1</sub> and R<sub>2</sub> are independently selected from hydrogen, loweralkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, alkoxyalkyl, alkoxy carbonylalkyl, hydroxyalkyl, haloalkyl, haloalkoxyalkyl, alkoxyalkoxyalkyl, thioalkoxyalkoxyalkyl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, aminocarbonylalkyl, alkylaminocarbonylalkyl, 15 dialkylaminocarbonylalkyl, aminocarbonylalkenyl, alkylaminocarbonylalkenyl, dialkylaminocarbonylalkenyl, hydroxyalkenyl, aryl, arylalkyl, aryloxyalkyl, arylalkoxyalkyl, (N-alkanoyl-N-alkyl)aminoalkyl, alkylsulfonylamidoalkyl, heterocyclic, (heterocyclic)alkyl,

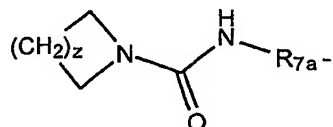


and  $(R_{aa})(R_{bb})N-R_{cc}-$ ,

with the proviso that one or both of  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  is other than hydrogen;

$R_3$  is selected from  $R_4-C(O)-R_5-$ ,  $R_4-R_{5a}-$ ,  $R_4-C(O)-R_5-$   
 5  $N(R_6)-$ ,  $R_6-S(O)_2-R_7-$ ,  $R_2-S(O)-R_{27}-$ ,  $R_{22}-O-C(O)-R_{23}-$ ,  
 loweralkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl,  
 aryl, arylalkyl, aryloxyalkyl, heterocyclic,  
 (heterocyclic)alkyl, alkoxyalkyl, alkoxyalkoxyalkyl, and  $R_{13}-$   
 $C(O)-CH(R_{14})-$ ;

10  $R_4$  and  $R_6$  are independently selected from  $(R_{11})(R_{12})N-$ ,  
 loweralkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl,  
 aryl, arylalkyl, heterocyclic, (heterocyclic)alkyl,  
 alkoxyalkyl, hydroxyalkyl, haloalkyl, haloalkenyl,  
 haloalkoxyalkyl, haloalkoxy, alkoxyhaloalkyl, alkylaminoalkyl,  
 15 dialkylaminoalkyl, alkoxy, and



$R_5$  is selected from a covalent bond, alkylene,  
 alkenylene,  $-N(R_{20})-R_8-$ ,  $-R_{8a}-N(R_{20})-R_8-$ ,  $-O-R_9-$ , and  
 $-R_{9a}-O-R_9-$ ;

R<sub>6</sub> is selected from loweralkyl, haloalkyl, alkoxyalkyl, haloalkoxyalkyl, aryl or arylalkyl;

R<sub>7</sub> is a covalent bond, alkylene, alkenylene -N(R<sub>21</sub>)-R<sub>10</sub>-, and -R<sub>10a</sub>-N(R<sub>21</sub>)-R<sub>10</sub>-;

5 R<sub>8</sub> is selected from alkylene and alkenylene;

R<sub>9</sub> is alkylene;

R<sub>10</sub> is selected from alkylene and alkenylene;

R<sub>11</sub> and R<sub>12</sub> are independently selected from hydrogen, loweralkyl, haloalkyl, alkoxyalkyl, haloalkoxyalkylalkenyl, 10 alkynyl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, aryl, heterocyclic, arylalkyl, (heterocyclic)alkyl, hydroxyalkyl, alkoxy, aminoalkyl, trialkylaminoalkyl, alkylaminoalkyl, dialkylaminoalkyl, and carboxyalkyl;

R<sub>13</sub> is selected from amino, alkylamino and dialkylamino;

15 R<sub>14</sub> is selected from aryl and R<sub>15</sub>-C(O)-;

R<sub>15</sub> is selected from amino, alkylamino and dialkylamino;

R<sub>16</sub> is selected from loweralkyl, haloalkyl, aryl and dialkylamino;

R<sub>17</sub> is loweralkyl;

20 R<sub>18</sub> and R<sub>19</sub> are independently selected from hydrogen and loweralkyl;

R<sub>20</sub> is selected from hydrogen, loweralkyl, alkenyl, haloalkyl, alkoxyalkyl, haloalkoxyalkyl, cycloalkyl and cycloalkylalkyl;

R<sub>21</sub> is selected from hydrogen, loweralkyl, alkenyl, haloalkyl, alkoxyalkyl, haloalkoxyalkyl, aryl and arylalkyl;

R<sub>22</sub> is selected from a carboxy protecting group and heterocyclic;

R<sub>23</sub> is selected from covalent bond, alkylene, alkenylene and -N(R<sub>24</sub>)-R<sub>25</sub>-;

R<sub>24</sub> is selected from hydrogen and loweralkyl;

R<sub>25</sub> is alkylene;

R<sub>26</sub> is selected from loweralkyl, haloalkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, aryl, arylalkyl, heterocyclic, (heterocyclic)alkyl, alkoxyalkyl and alkoxy-substituted haloalkyl;

R<sub>27</sub> is selected from alkylene and alkenylene;

R<sub>5a</sub> is selected from alkylene and alkenylene;

R<sub>7a</sub> is alkylene;

R<sub>8a</sub> is selected from alkylene and alkenylene;

R<sub>9a</sub> is alkylene;

R<sub>10a</sub> is selected from alkylene and alkenylene;

$R_{aa}$  is selected from aryl and arylalkyl;

$R_{bb}$  is selected from hydrogen and alkanoyl;

$R_{cc}$  is alkylene;

m is 0-6;

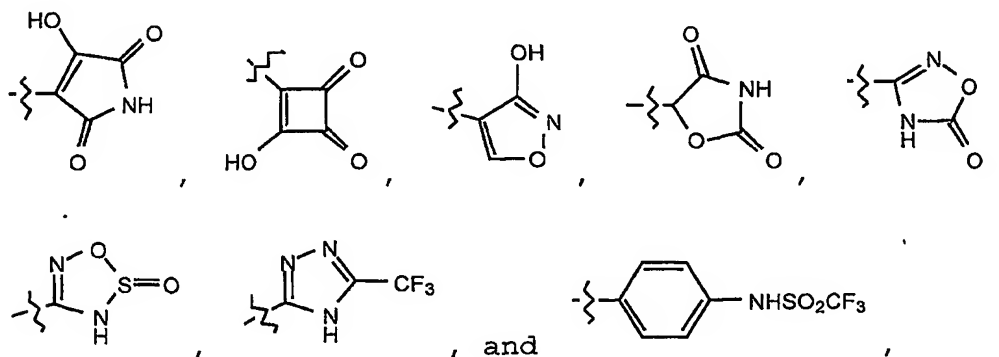
5 n is 0 or 1;

z is 0-5;

E is selected from hydrogen, loweralkyl and arylalkyl;

G is selected from hydrogen and a carboxy protecting group; and

10 W is selected from  $-C(O)_2-G$ ;  $-PO_3H_2$ ,  $-P(O)(OH)(E)$ ,  $-CN$ ,  $-C(O)NHR_{17}$ , alkylaminocarbonyl, dialkylaminocarbonyl, tetrazolyl, hydroxy, alkoxy, sulfonamido,  $-C(O)NHS(O)_2R_{16}$ ,  $S(O)_2NHC(O)R_{16}$ ,



or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

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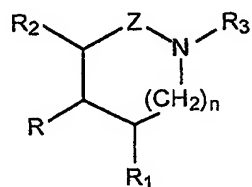
31. The method of Claim 30 wherein the cancer is prostate cancer and the patient is male.

32. The method of Claim 30 which additionally comprises the administration of at least one therapeutic agent which impedes net bone loss.

33. The method of Claim 32 wherein the therapeutic agent is a bisphosphonate.

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34. A method for the reduction of cancer-related pain which comprises administering to a patient in need thereof a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of formula I:



I

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wherein

R is  $-(CH_2)_m-W$ ;

Z is selected from  $-C(R_{18})(R_{19})-$  and  $-C(O)-$ ;

R<sub>1</sub> and R<sub>2</sub> are independently selected from hydrogen,

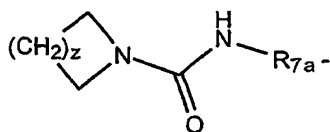
loweralkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, alkoxyalkyl,  
 alkoxyacetylalkyl, hydroxyalkyl, haloalkyl, haloalkoxyalkyl,  
 alkoxyalkoxyalkyl, thioalkoxyalkoxyalkyl, cycloalkyl,  
 cycloalkylalkyl, aminocarbonylalkyl, alkylaminocarbonylalkyl,  
 5 dialkylaminocarbonylalkyl, aminocarbonylalkenyl,  
 alkylaminocarbonylalkenyl, dialkylaminocarbonylalkenyl,  
 hydroxyalkenyl, aryl, arylalkyl, aryloxyalkyl,  
 arylalkoxyalkyl, (N-alkanoyl-N-alkyl)aminoalkyl,  
 alkylsulfonylamidoalkyl, heterocyclic, (heterocyclic)alkyl,  
 10 and  $(R_{aa})(R_{bb})N-R_{cc}-$ ,

with the proviso that one or both of  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  is other than hydrogen;

$R_3$  is selected from  $R_4-C(O)-R_5-$ ,  $R_4-R_{5a}-$ ,  $R_4-C(O)-R_5-$   
 $N(R_6)-$ ,  $R_6-S(O)_2-R_7-$ ,  $R_{26}-S(O)-R_{27}-$ ,  $R_{22}-O-C(O)-R_{23}-$ ,  
 15 loweralkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl,  
 aryl, arylalkyl, aryloxyalkyl, heterocyclic,  
 (heterocyclic)alkyl, alkoxyalkyl, alkoxyalkoxyalkyl, and  $R_{13}-$   
 $C(O)-CH(R_{14})-$ ;

$R_4$  and  $R_6$  are independently selected from  $(R_{11})(R_{12})N-$ ,  
 20 loweralkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl,  
 aryl, arylalkyl, heterocyclic, (heterocyclic)alkyl,

alkoxyalkyl, hydroxyalkyl, haloalkyl, haloalkenyl,  
haloalkoxyalkyl, haloalkoxy, alkoxyhaloalkyl, alkylaminoalkyl,  
dialkylaminoalkyl, alkoxy, and



5        R<sub>5</sub> is selected from a covalent bond, alkylene,  
alkenylene, -N(R<sub>20</sub>)-R<sub>8</sub>-, -R<sub>8a</sub>-N(R<sub>20</sub>)-R<sub>8</sub>-, -O-R<sub>9</sub>-, and  
-R<sub>9a</sub>-O-R<sub>9</sub>-;

R<sub>6</sub> is selected from loweralkyl, haloalkyl, alkoxyalkyl,  
haloalkoxyalkyl, aryl or arylalkyl;

10       R<sub>7</sub> is a covalent bond, alkylene, alkenylene -N(R<sub>21</sub>)-R<sub>10</sub>-,  
and -R<sub>10a</sub>-N(R<sub>21</sub>)-R<sub>10</sub>-;

R<sub>8</sub> is selected from alkylene and alkenylene;

R<sub>9</sub> is alkylene;

R<sub>10</sub> is selected from alkylene and alkenylene;

15       R<sub>11</sub> and R<sub>12</sub> are independently selected from hydrogen,  
loweralkyl, haloalkyl, alkoxyalkyl, haloalkoxyalkylalkenyl,  
alkynyl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, aryl, heterocyclic,  
arylalkyl, (heterocyclic)alkyl, hydroxyalkyl, alkoxy,  
aminoalkyl, trialkylaminoalkyl, alkylaminoalkyl,

dialkylaminoalkyl, and carboxyalkyl;

R<sub>13</sub> is selected from amino, alkylamino and dialkylamino;

R<sub>14</sub> is selected from aryl and R<sub>15</sub>-C(O)-;

R<sub>15</sub> is selected from amino, alkylamino and dialkylamino;

5 R<sub>16</sub> is selected from loweralkyl, haloalkyl, aryl and  
dialkylamino;

R<sub>17</sub> is loweralkyl;

R<sub>18</sub> and R<sub>19</sub> are independently selected from hydrogen and  
loweralkyl;

10 R<sub>20</sub> is selected from hydrogen, loweralkyl, alkenyl,  
haloalkyl, alkoxyalkyl, haloalkoxyalkyl, cylcoalkyl and  
cycloalkylalkyl;

R<sub>21</sub> is selected from hydrogen, loweralkyl, alkenyl,  
haloalkyl, alkoxyalkyl, haloalkoxyalkyl, aryl and arylalkyl;

15 R<sub>22</sub> is selected from a carboxy protecting group and  
heterocyclic;

R<sub>23</sub> is selected from covalent bond, alkylene, alkenylene  
and -N(R<sub>24</sub>)-R<sub>25</sub>-;

R<sub>24</sub> is selected from hydrogen and loweralkyl;

20 R<sub>25</sub> is alkylene;

R<sub>26</sub> is selected from loweralkyl, haloalkyl, alkenyl,



alkynyl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, aryl, arylalkyl, heterocyclic, (heterocyclic)alkyl, alkoxyalkyl and alkoxy-substituted haloalkyl;

R<sub>27</sub> is selected from alkylene and alkenylene;

5 R<sub>5a</sub> is selected from alkylene and alkenylene;

R<sub>7a</sub> is alkylene;

R<sub>8a</sub> is selected from alkylene and alkenylene;

R<sub>9a</sub> is alkylene;

R<sub>10a</sub> is selected from alkylene and alkenylene;

10 R<sub>aa</sub> is selected from aryl and arylalkyl;

R<sub>bb</sub> is selected from hydrogen and alkanoyl;

R<sub>cc</sub> is alkylene;

m is 0-6;

n is 0 or 1;

15 z is 0-5;

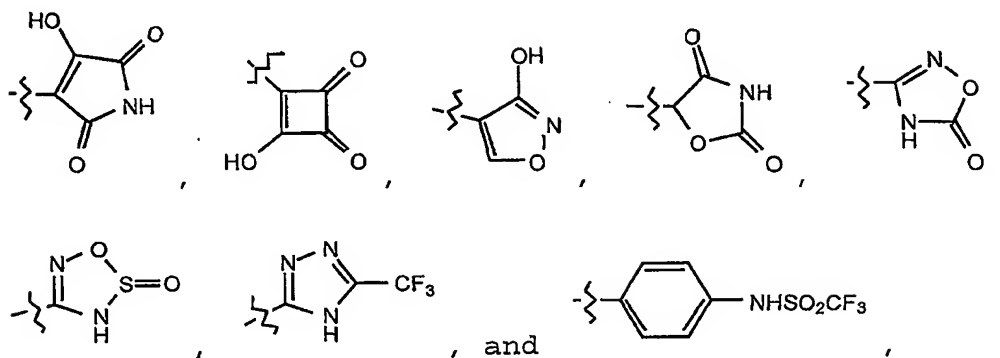
E is selected from hydrogen, loweralkyl and arylalkyl;

G is selected from hydrogen and a carboxy protecting group; and

W is selected from -C(O)<sub>2</sub>-G; -PO<sub>3</sub>H<sub>2</sub>, -P(O)(OH)(E),

20 -CN, -C(O)NHR<sub>17</sub>, alkylaminocarbonyl, dialkylaminocarbonyl,

tetrazolyl, hydroxy, alkoxy, sulfonamido,  $-C(O)NHS(O)_2R_{16}$ ,  $-S(O)_2NHC(O)R_{16}$ ,



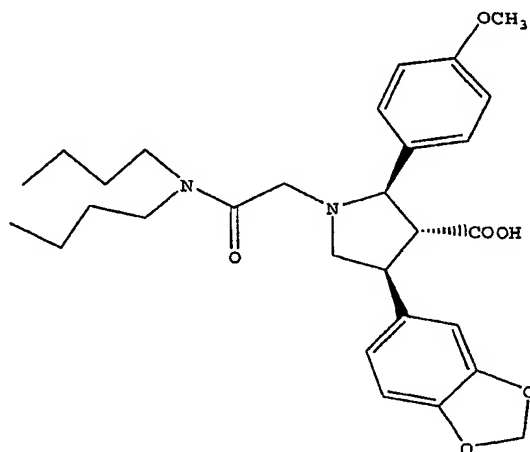
5 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

35. The method of Claim 34 wherein the cancer is prostate cancer and the patient is male.

10           36. The method of Claim 34 which additionally comprises  
the administration of an anticancer drug.

37. The method of Claim 36 wherein the additional anticancer drug is selected from leuprolide, goserelin, bicalutamide, nilutamide, flutamide, vitamin D, vitamin D analogues, estrogen, estrogen analogues, prednisone, hydrocortisone, ketoconazole, cyproterone acetate, and progesterone.

38. A method for inhibiting bone metastases in a patient which comprises administering to the patient in need thereof a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of formula III



III.

39. The method of Claim 38 wherein the bone metastases are osteoblastic.

40. The method of Claim 39 wherein the osteoblastic bone metastases result from the spread of a primary cancer selected from breast, prostate, lung, kidney, thyroid, myeloma, lymphoma, sarcoma, osteosarcoma, and ovarian.

41. The method of Claim 40 wherein the primary cancer is

prostate cancer and the patient is male.

42. The method of Claim 40 which additionally comprises the administration of an anticancer drug.

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43. The method of Claim 42 wherein the additional anticancer drug is selected from leuprolide, goserelin, bicalutamide, nilutamide, flutamide, vitamin D, vitamin D analogues, estrogen, estrogen analogues, prednisone, hydrocortisone, ketoconazole, cyproterone acetate, and progesterone.

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44. The method of Claim 40 which additionally comprises the administration of radiation therapy.

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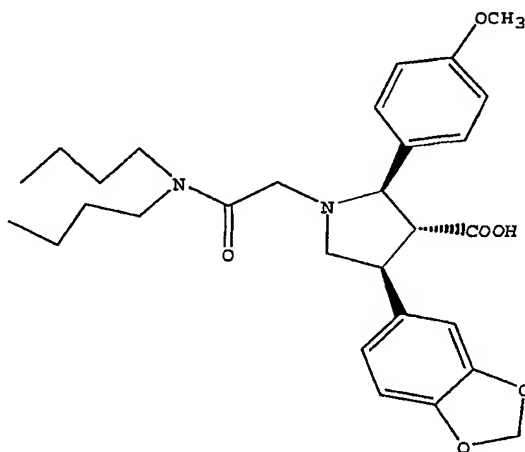
45. The method of Claim 40 which additionally comprises the administration of at least one therapeutic agent which impedes net bone loss.

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46. The method of Claim 45 wherein the agent is a bisphosphonate.

47. The method of Claim 40 wherein the endothelin antagonist is an ET<sub>A</sub>-selective endothelin antagonist.

48. A method for the inhibition of bone loss in cancer  
5 patients which comprises administering to the patient in need thereof a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of formula III



III.

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49. The method of Claim 48 wherein the cancer is prostate cancer and the patient is male.

50. The method of Claim 48 which additionally comprises  
15 the administration of at least one therapeutic agent which

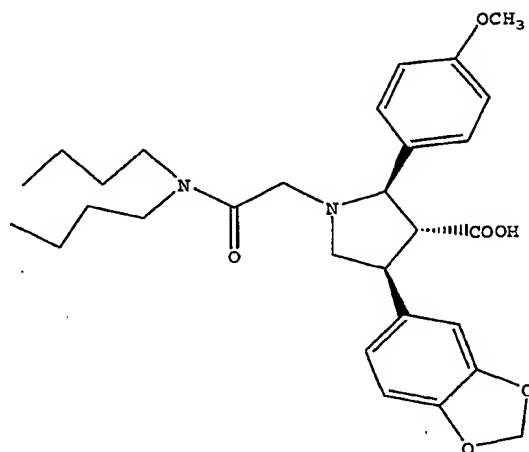
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impedes net bone loss.

51. The method of Claim 50 wherein therapeutic agent is a bisphosphonate.

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52. A method for the reduction of cancer-related pain which comprises administering to a patient in need thereof a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of formula III



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III.

53. The method of Claim 52 wherein the cancer is prostate cancer and the patient is male.

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54. The method of Claim 52 which additionally

comprises the administration of an anticancer drug.

55. The method of Claim 54 wherein the anticancer drug is selected from leuprolide, goserelin, bicalutamide, nilutamide, flutamide, vitamin D, vitamin D analogues, estrogen, estrogen analogues, prednisone, hydrocortisone, ketoconazole, cyproterone acetate, and progesterone.

56. A method for preventing new bone metastases in a patient which comprises administering to the patient in need thereof a therapeutically effective amount of an endothelin ET-A receptor antagonist.

57. A method for inhibiting metastatic growth in a patient which comprises administering to the patient in need thereof a therapeutically effective amount of an endothelin ET-A receptor antagonist.

58. A method for inhibiting bone turnover in a patient which comprises administering to the patient in need thereof a therapeutically effective amount of an endothelin ET-A receptor antagonist.

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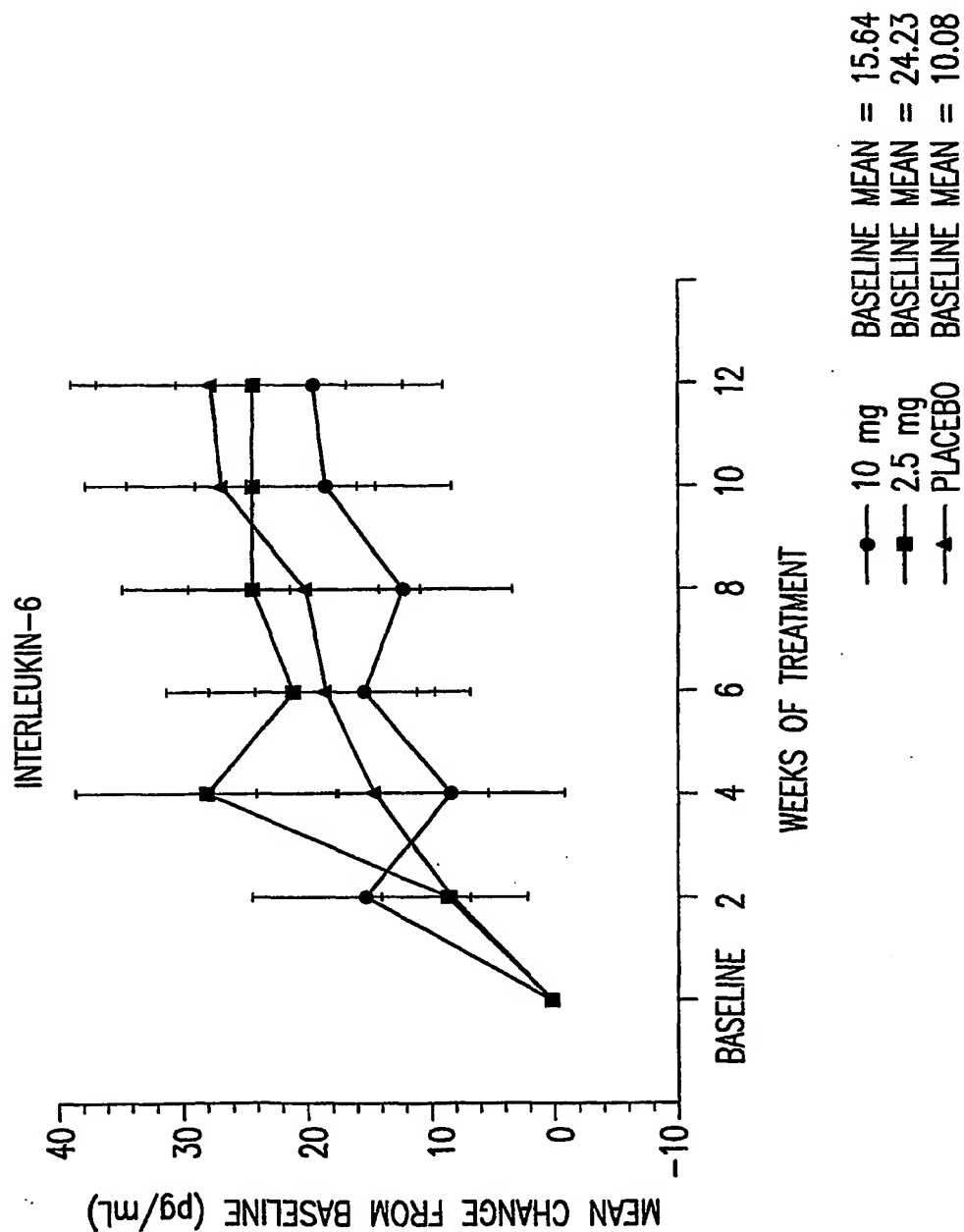


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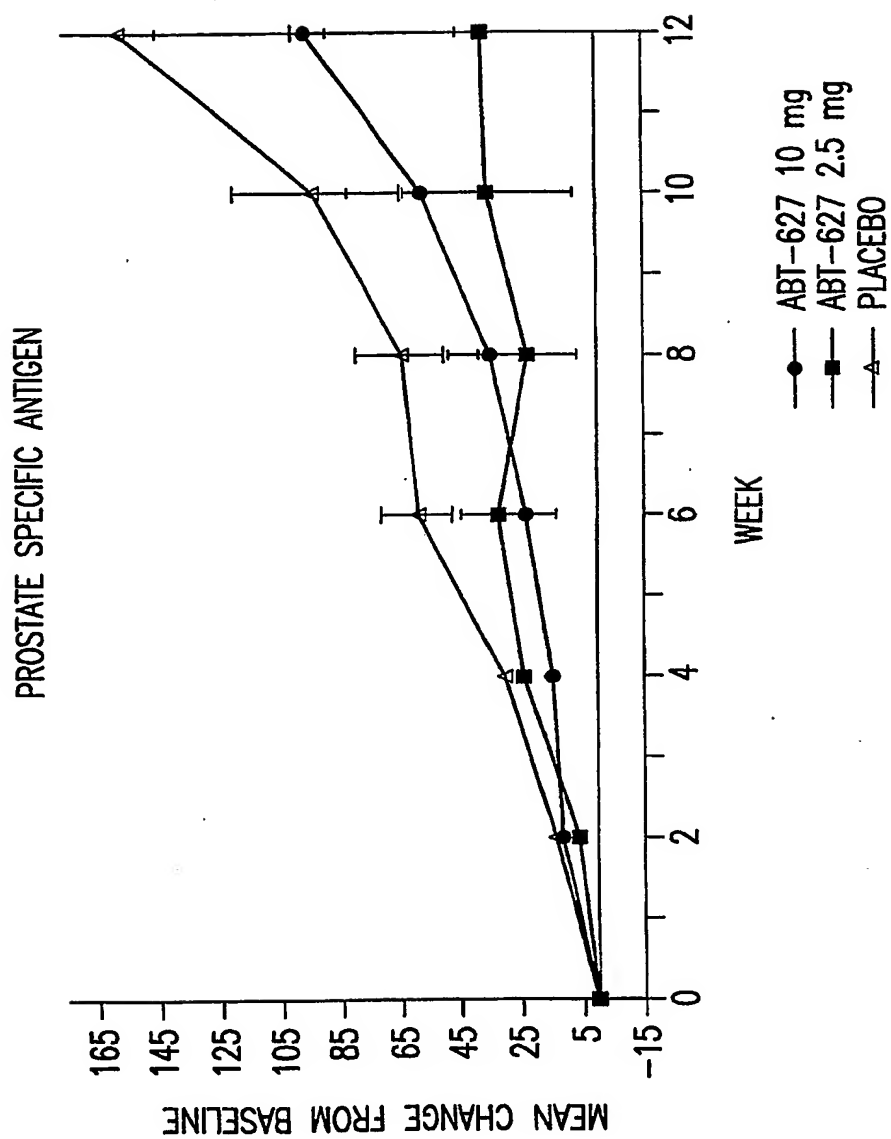


FIG.2

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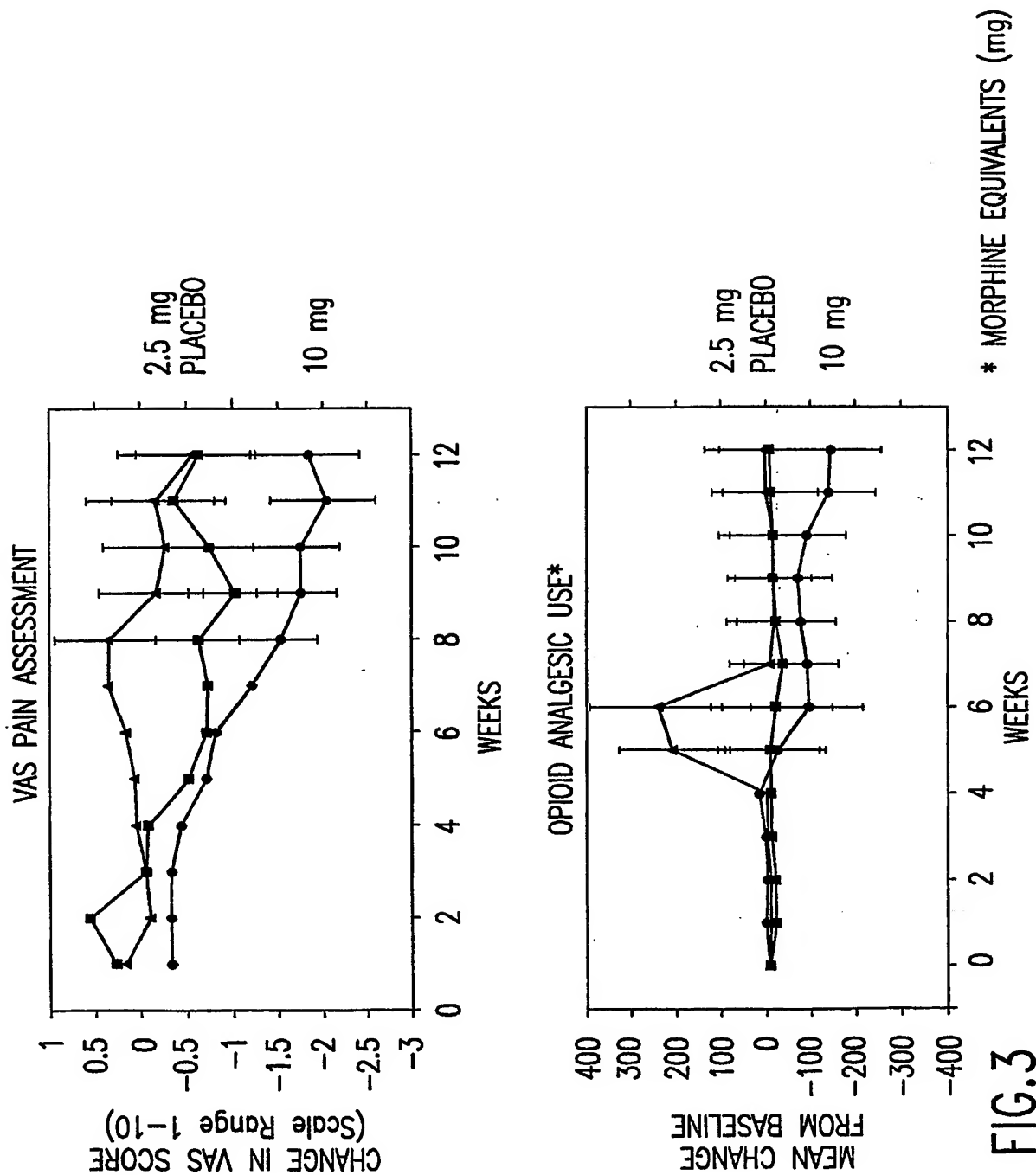


FIG.3

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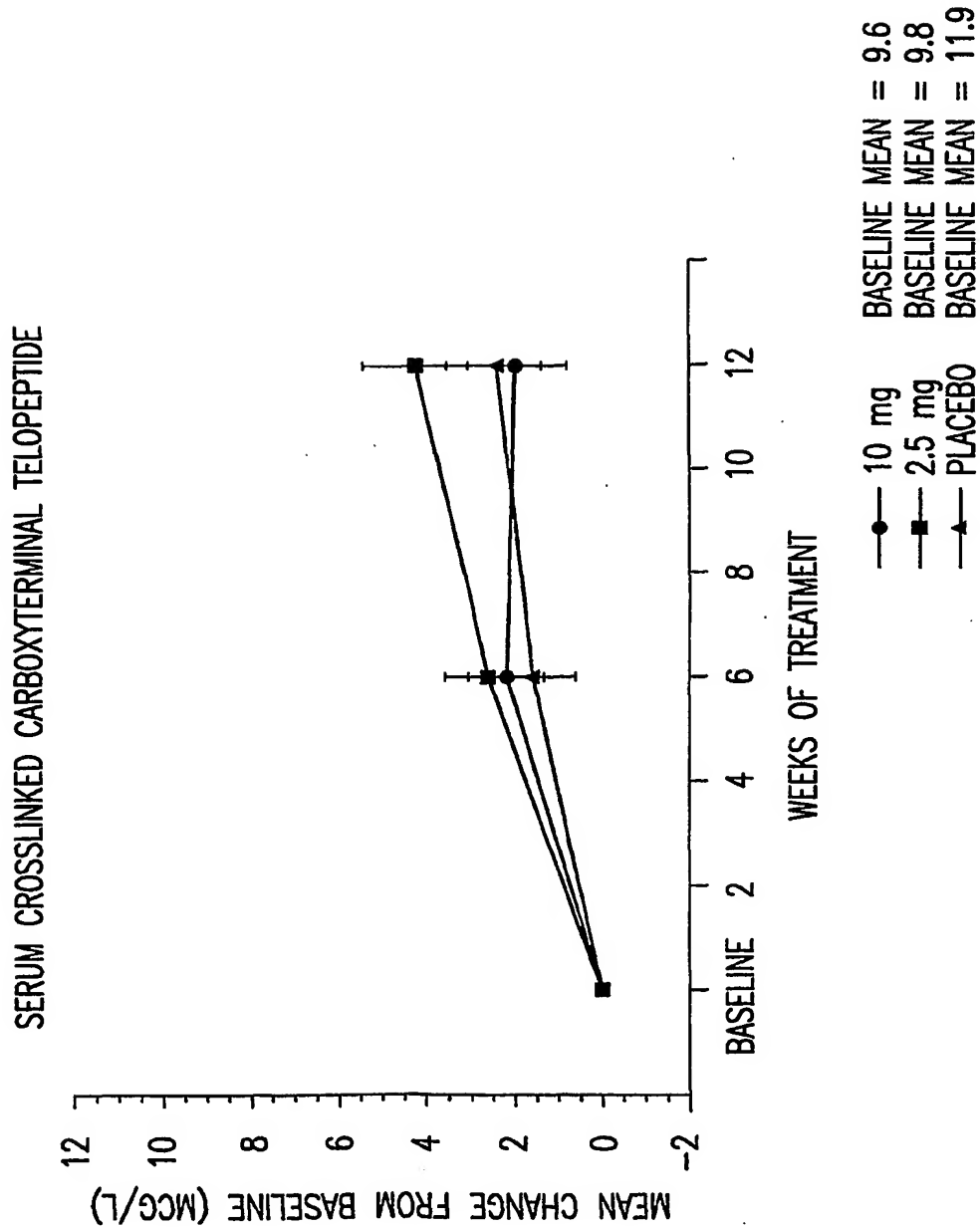


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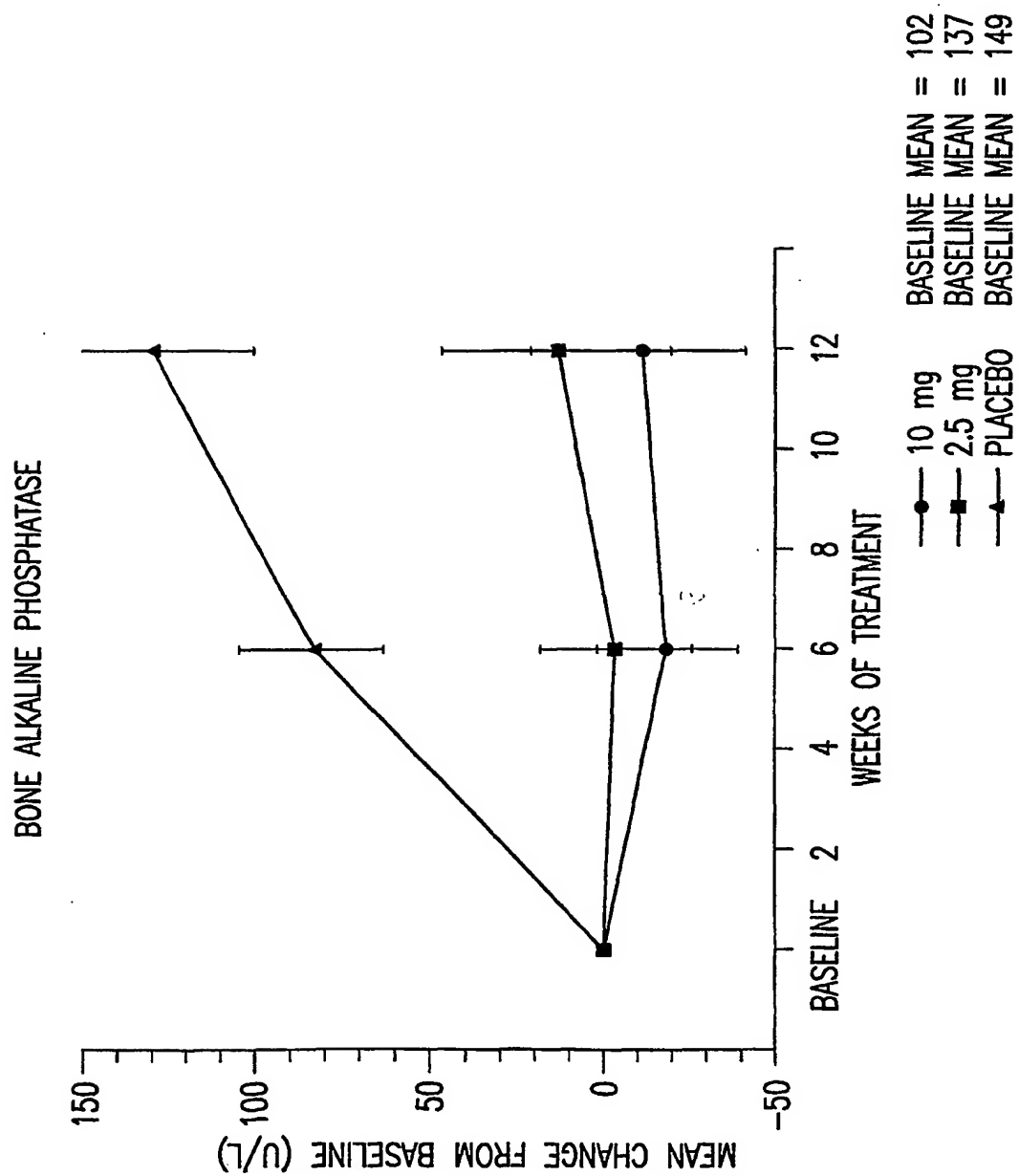
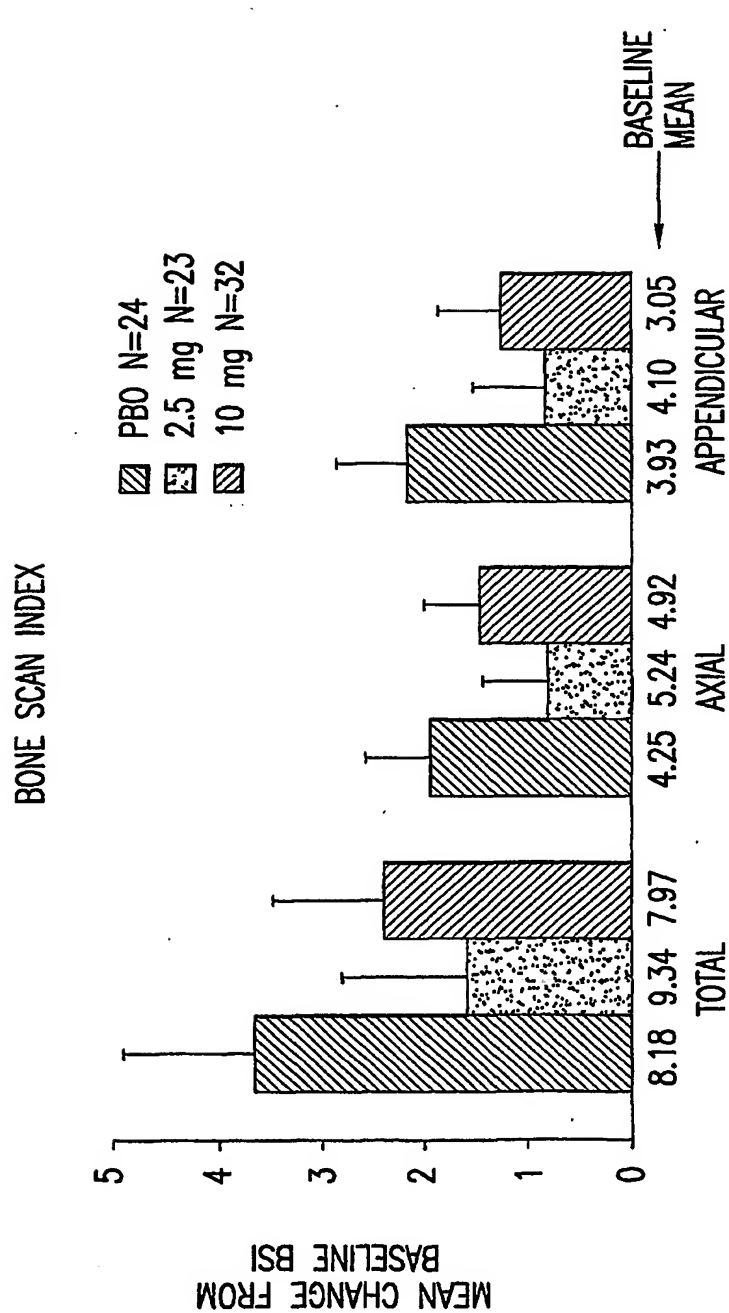


FIG.5

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FIG. 6

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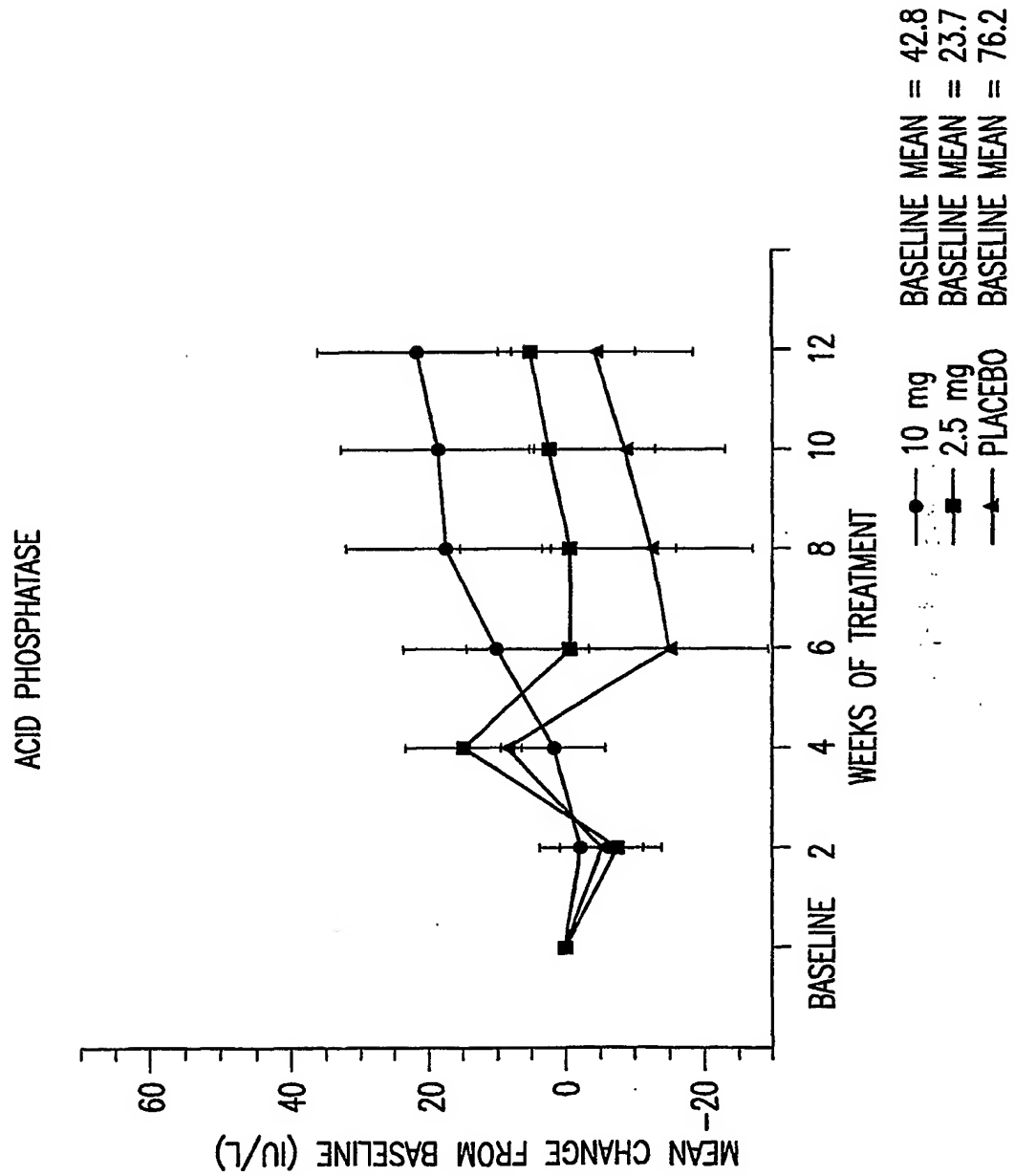


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This International Search Report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

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because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:  
Although claims 1-10, 21-29, 38-47, 56 are directed to a method of treatment of the human/animal body, the search has been carried out and based on the alleged effects of the compound/composition.
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because they relate to parts of the International Application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful International Search can be carried out, specifically:  
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because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a).

## Box II Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

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see additional sheet

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## Continuation of Box I.2

Present claims 1-10,56 relate to a compound defined by reference to a desirable characteristic or property, namely the activity as endothelin ET-A receptor antagonist.

The claims cover all compounds having this characteristic or property, whereas the application provides support within the meaning of Article 6 PCT and disclosure within the meaning of Article 5 PCT for only a very limited number of such compounds.

In the present case, the claims so lack support, and the application so lacks disclosure, that a meaningful search over the whole of the claimed scope is impossible. Independent of the above reasoning, the claims also lack clarity (Article 6 PCT). An attempt is made to define the compound by reference to its pharmacological profile. Again, this lack of clarity in the present case is such as to render a meaningful search over the whole of the claimed scope impossible.

Present claims 21-29 relate to an extremely large number of possible compounds. In fact, the claims contain so many options, variables and possible permutations that a lack of conciseness within the meaning of Article 6 PCT arises to such an extent as to render a meaningful search of the claims impossible.

Consequently, the search for the first invention has been carried out for those parts of the claims which appear to be clear and concise, supported and disclosed, namely those parts relating to the compound mentioned in the example, and in claim 38, with due regard to the general idea underlying the present invention.

Claims searched completely: 38-47.

Claims searched incompletely: 1-10,21-29,56

The applicant's attention is drawn to the fact that claims, or parts of claims, relating to inventions in respect of which no international search report has been established need not be the subject of an international preliminary examination (Rule 66.1(e) PCT). The applicant is advised that the EPO policy when acting as an International Preliminary Examining Authority is normally not to carry out a preliminary examination on matter which has not been searched. This is the case irrespective of whether or not the claims are amended following receipt of the search report or during any Chapter II procedure.

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